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Kate Brunskill named 1996 Grayling Junior Miss

Miss Kate Brunskill won the title of Grayling Junior Miss for 1996 during the Junior Miss Scholarship Program held on Saturday evening, Jan. 27.

Competing with nine other girls, all juniors at Grayling High School, Brunskill won four of five judging categories, including the Fitness Award, the Poise and Appearance Award, the Scholastic Award and she tied with Miss Mary Hibbard for the Spirit Award. The only other award category was the Creative and Performing Arts Award, which was won by Miss Ann Becks, who later became the First Runner Up.

Becks, the daughter of Bob and Carol Becks, won her award with a beautiful flute performance of Mozart's Serenade #13 in G Major.

Brunskill is the daughter of Brian Brunskill and the late Jaymie (Post) Brunskill. After the program her father escorted her through the waiting crowd.

Brunskill replaces Jaymie Corlew, the 1995 Grayling Junior Miss, who gave her farewell address to the large audience. Corlew thanked the community and her parents for an exciting and rewarding year.

Miss Jennifer Jurkovich, daughter of Mark and Johanna Jurkovich, was named the program's Second Runner Up.

The Grayling Junior Miss Scholarship Program is sponsored annually by the Grayling Charter Chapter of the American Business Women's Association (ABWA).

The awards presentation culminated two months of preparation for the girls.

Each of the ten contestants received \$250 Kirtland Community College scholarships as part of the program. Brunskill also received a \$1,000 ABWA scholarship, Becks received a \$500 ABWA scholarship and Jurkovich received



1996 GRAYLING JUNIOR MISS, KATE BRUNSKILL, seconds after winning the title. Miss Brunskill is escorted by her father, Brian, and her nephew, Andres Castaneda. Brunskill won the competition from a group of 10 young ladies. Miss Ann Becks was named 1st Runner Up and Jennifer Jurkovich was named 2nd Runner Up.



Miss Ann Becks is 1st Runner Up



Miss Jennifer Jurkovich is 2nd Runner Up

a \$250 ABWA scholarship. The other contestants included Cheryl McCurdy, Meaghan Gosling, Autumn Smith (who was forced to withdraw only days before the program night because of an ankle injury), Brandyn Noteware, Shannon Wakeley, Mary Hibbard and Angela Floriano.

Emcees for the evening were former Grayling resident Wayne Hindmarsh and TV 9 & 10 news anchor Deana Fene.

The 1996 program was directed by Sandra Moore. The assistant director was Michelle Stabinski and the committee members included Anita Merchant, Cathy Heaven, Cathy Hilbrecht and Denise Caverly.

Despite the excitement of the evening, Brunskill, Becks and Jurkovich were up bright and early on Saturday to begin their representation at the annual Winter Wolf Festival at Hanson Hills.

Alcohol and snowmobiles are very dangerous mix

By Linda Sherwood
Staff Writer

Snowmobiling and alcohol mixed to form some rather dangerous results this past weekend. The Crawford County Sheriff Department stated that alcohol was a factor in all four incidents.

On Thursday, Jan. 26 there were two snowmobile accidents within just a couple hours of each other. The first accident occurred on Twin Pines Road. Deputies investigating the incident found that the driver left the roadway at a high rate of speed and collided with a row of mailboxes.

The driver was ejected and landed approximately 30 feet from the snowmobile. He was transported to Mercy Hospital in Grayling by North Flight, where he was treated for leg injuries. The driver was cited for a violation of basic speed and a warrant is being sought for operating under the influence of liquor (OUIL). The driver's

name is being withheld pending further investigation.

A second accident occurred not quite three hours later on Howe Lake Road. Investigators found that the driver left the roadway and collided with a guard rail. He was transported to Grayling Mercy Hospital by North Flight where it was found he had sustained neck injuries. The driver was then transported to Munson Medical Center in Traverse City. Deputies indicated that a warrant is being sought for OUIL. The driver's name is being withheld pending further investigation.

On Sunday, Jan. 28, two snowmobiles tried to flee and elude deputies in two separate areas of the county at approximately 2 a.m.

The first incident began at 2 a.m. when deputies became involved with the fleeing and eluding of a snowmobile. The pursuit originated on M-72 West at Old Lake Road and ended on Sam Road, with the apprehension of

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Commissioner may resign from mental health board in protest of new law

County Commissioner John Hartman announced that he wished to resign from his seat on the North Central Community Mental Health Board at the Board of Commissioner meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 23. The mental health board serves the needs of Wexford, Missaukee, Roscommon and Crawford counties.

Hartman stated the reason for his resignation was the passage of Senate Bill 525 into law on Jan. 9. The new law requires at least one third of the health board be made up of primary consumers or family members of primary consumers. At least one of the board's members must be a primary consumer, according to the new law.

The new law will probably go into effect in April. The mental health boards across the state will be asked if they do or do not comply with the law. Exactly how the disclosure of which board member is a primary consumer and whether that information would

be public knowledge has yet to be determined, said Larry Grinwis, interim executive director of the health board. He did state that the primary consumer does not have to be receiving services currently, but may be a past consumer of the health board, the Michigan Department of Health or received a similar service from a private program.

The board is made up of 12 persons. At least four of those seats are reserved for one county commissioner from each of the participating counties. The county board of each of the four counties can then appoint two other representatives to the board. This is usually done by advertising a vacancy, then receiving applications.

"The appointment process, through county boards, remains the same," said Grinwis.

Hartman stated two problems with the new law's provisions. The first problem, he said, is that primary consumers of the mental health facilities

are mentally incompetent or can't function.

Hartman's second problem with the new law is that, by law, it forces members of the health board to have a conflict of interest.

"I do not believe a board any shape should be required by law to be in conflict of interest," said Hartman. He stated that the mental health board handles a budget of \$11 million a year. One-third of the board could provide a quorum at a meeting, said Hartman.

After explaining his stance, Hartman announced his resignation from the North Central Community Mental Health Board and further stated that he will not support funding for the board.

Both Commissioners Robert Smock and Dennis Long urged Hartman to reconsider his resignation. Smock stated that Hartman would be able to do more on the board than if he resigned. Hartman agreed to rethink his

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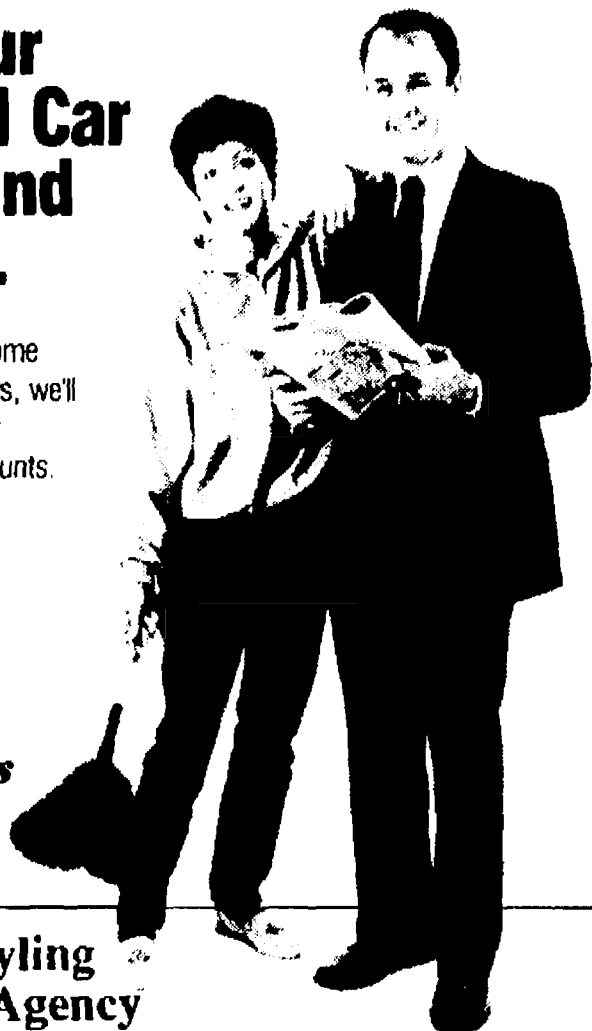
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Porter to retire after 22 years on the bench

Judge William Porter, 55, of the 46th Circuit Court retired today, Thursday, Feb. 1 after 22 years on the bench. Porter's bench won't be easy to fill and a number of applicants have applied for the position. Brian Swift of Governor John Engler's northern office was unable to give the exact number of applicants, but stated there were quite a few.

Crawford County's own prosecuting attorney John Huss is one of the applicants. He was unavailable for comment about his application.

Judge Porter was selected to serve as one of the judges on the state's reapportionment commission in 1990. The commission redrew the legisla-

tive boundaries after the 1990 census results were finished. Porter was also cited as one of the state's most respected judges by the Michigan Lawyer's Weekly in 1990. There are 600 judges in Michigan, Porter was one of 25 named most frequently.

Porter and his wife, Kathleen, are planning to move to Jacksonville, Florida following his retirement.

Porter was appointed to the 46th Circuit Court in 1973. Prior to that he spent five years in private practice in

Gaylord.

Swift stated that the applications received for the opening would be forwarded to the Michigan Bar. The bar will be conducting interviews for the opening in 46th Circuit Court and another opening in 25th Circuit Court in Marquette on Feb. 13.

The Michigan Bar will then provide Governor Engler's office with a list of how the candidate's did during their interviews. At that time, the candidates would be weeded down to two or three possibilities. The Governor's

office would then conduct a second interview in the legal department's office, said Swift. The final determination should be made sometime in March, he said.

Cheri Arwood of Governor Engler's legal division said there wouldn't be a temporary judge during the month long interviewing process. Judge Alton Davis, also of the 46th Circuit Court would be handling the entire case load until Judge Porter's replacement is appointed.

New Structurewood product will keep AuSable Primary students warm and dry

Construction on the new AuSable Primary School is progressing on schedule and within budget. It will be open for grades K-2 beginning this fall.

A unique aspect of the construction program is the utilization of structural insulated panels (SIPs) in the roof of the huge building. The use of SIPs will guarantee that the roof is moisture proof, quiet, sturdy and that a large amount of the local dollars spent are kept in the community. The huge strand board panels were manufactured right here in Grayling at the Weyerhaeuser Structurewood Plant. SIPs are made by laminating oriented strand board (OSB) to both sides of a rigid foam core. The panels used in the new school measure eight feet by 24 feet with a full 12 inches of foam insulation sandwiched in the middle.

The foam core of the SIP provides its insulating properties and results in superior energy performance in walls and roofs. The foam also provides sound absorption which makes SIP constructed buildings quieter than conventional buildings.

Oriented strand board is a product that is rapidly replacing plywood in the construction of buildings and manufactured homes. The primary uses of OSB are subflooring, walls, roof sheathing and as underlayment

for floor coverings. The Grayling Structurewood Plant is one of the world's largest manufacturers of OSB.

The AuSable Primary School began taking delivery of 13 truckloads of SIPs on Monday, Jan. 29.

Wertz Warriors ride into Crawford Co. Feb. 5-6

The Wertz Warriors are riding once more to reach their 1996 goal of raising \$300,000 to pay the on site costs of the 1996 Michigan Special Olympics State Winter Games. The Warriors are a group of 58 snowmobile riders and a support crew of 22 who plan to ride their machines 840 miles throughout Michigan during the fund raiser. This will be the 15th annual Snowmobile Endurance Ride by the Wertz Warriors.

The Warriors will be in Houghton

Lake on Monday, Feb. 5 at the Moose Lodge at 7 p.m. The Warriors will leave Houghton Lake on Tuesday, Feb. 6 when they will travel to Leota, Lake City and Grayling. The Warriors will be spending the evening at the Grayling Holiday Inn.

On Monday, Feb. 5, the warriors will be at Froggies, on East M-72 from 12 noon to 2 p.m. On Tuesday, Feb. 6, the warriors will be at Dingman's Bar on Feb. 6 at 2 p.m. and at the Silver Dollar Bar at 4 p.m.

Commissioner may resign

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resignation.

When asked about Hartman's plans to resign from the Mental Health Board, secretary Debra Lavender said, "He hasn't indicated to us that he plans on doing that. We would try to discourage that too."

When contacted by the Avalanche on Tuesday, Hartman stated that he still hadn't reached a final decision on

whether he would resign. He plans no having made that decision by the next county board meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 6.

Hartman stated that the legislature made a big mistake by requiring one-third of the board be required by law to have a conflict of interest.

"That opens up a door to every board and every elected official," he said.

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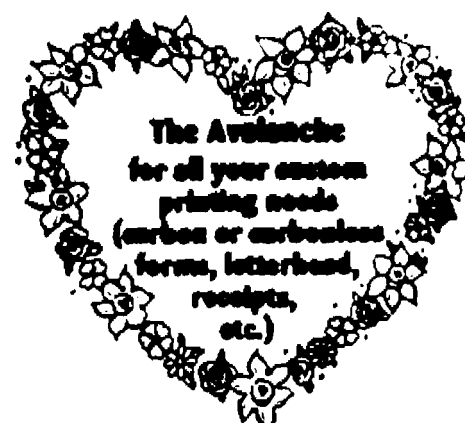
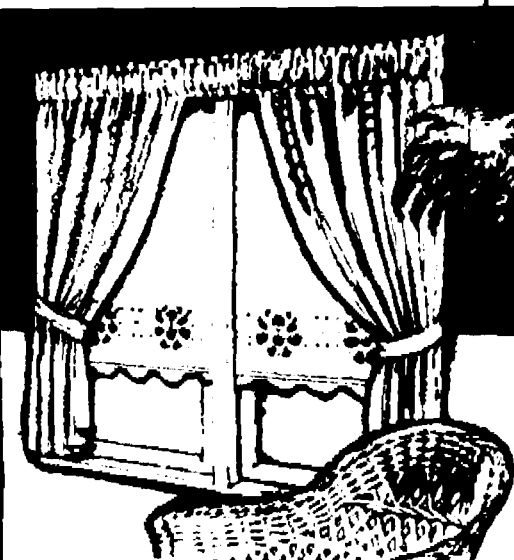
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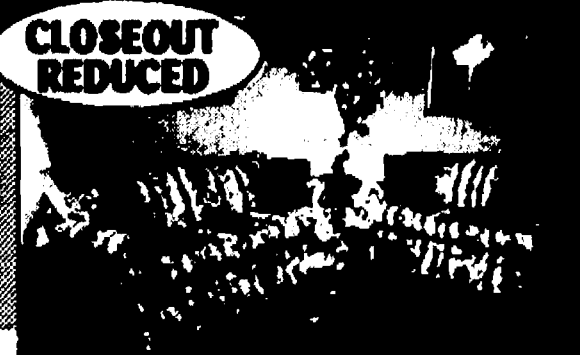
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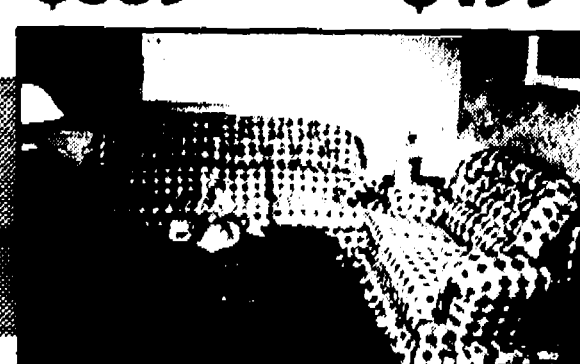
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the driver and snowmobile. The Department of Natural Resources assisted in the arrest.

The 26-year-old man was arrested for OUIL and cited for numerous traffic violations. His name is being withheld pending arraignment.

The second incident occurred at approximately 2:10 a.m. when deputies became involved with the fleeing and eluding of a snowmobile. The pursuit initiated at the Holiday Inn parking lot and ended on Game Club

Road, with the apprehension of the driver and snowmobile. The Grayling City Police assisted with the incident.

The 34-year-old man was arrested for OUIL. His name is being withheld pending arraignment.

The sheriff department also assisted the Grayling City Police with a fleeing and eluding snowmobile on Thursday, Jan. 26 at approximately 9:30 p.m. The incident took place on the southbound I-75 business loop near West M-72. No further information is available.

Crawford County Sheriff Department Sheriff Patrol

By Linda Sherwood

For the week of Jan. 22-28

The Crawford County Sheriff Department responded to 103 incidents during the week of Monday, Jan. 22 to Sunday, Jan. 28, including 24 non-criminal incidents.

There were 28 accidents during the week including six car/deer accidents. In addition to the accidents, there were numerous incidents of cars in ditches. On Friday, Jan. 26, an 18-wheeler ended up in a ditch on southbound I-75. According to sheriff reports, the semi spun around and faced north in the southbound lane. The incident occurred at 6 a.m.

A mother reported her 14-year-old son missing on Sunday, Jan. 28. The boy had been missing for 72 hours when she notified the sheriff department. According to the investigating officer, the boy was located and returned home.

A prowler was reported outside a residence on Eve Avenue around 10 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 25.

A break-in was reported on Conners Flat Road on Friday, Jan. 26, at around 6 p.m. That was the only B & E reported during the week.

Sheriff deputies were able to locate a stolen snowmobile on Wednesday, Jan. 24. The recovery was due to a civilian reporting an abandoned snowmobile in the woods near Industrial Park.

There were at least 10 accidents and incidents involving snowmobiles during the week. Deputies are investigating the possible involvement of alcohol in four of the 10 incidents. For more information about the four incidents, see the related story on page 1A.

A rock was thrown through a window of a business on Old US 27 at approximately 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 24.

Also on Wednesday at approximately 5 p.m., a Crawford AuSable School Bus was involved in an accident on Thunder Mug Road. There were no injuries as a result of the two-vehicle accident. Further information was unavailable.

Deputies also investigated four public peace disturbances, four fires, two hazardous conditions, five family trouble and six suspicious situations.

COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

Farm Folk planning 'Farmin' Days Festival'

The next meeting of the Wellington Farm Folk, which is scheduled for the Lone Pine Restaurant, is sure to be exciting as the group begins planning for an up-coming festival. The group will be meeting at the Lone Pine Restaurant in Grayling, on Tuesday, Feb. 6. Anyone interested in joining this volunteer organization for Wellington Farm Park is encouraged to attend. Dinner, a traditional "Depression Era farm supper" will be served at 6:15, and the meeting should begin about 7 p.m. Cost of the meal is just \$6 per person. Those planning to attend are asked to call 348-5187 so an accurate number can be given to the cook.

As soon as supper has been finished, the group will begin making the final

plans for their "Farmin' Days Festival" which will be held June 21-23. The festival, which will be held at Wellington Farm Park, will feature domestic crafts as well as those activities traditionally associated with a farming operation of June, 1932.

Wellington Farm Park, which is located on South Military Road, will open its gates to the general public on May 25. Needless to say, a lot needs to be done prior to the opening date, and all the help, both financial and physical, that can be garnered will be put to use. Additional agricultural artifacts are also needed for display purposes. Anyone interested in assisting in any way should call the park offices at 348-5187.

St. Francis Human Resource Center to hold open house

The family of St. Francis Episcopal Church will be holding an open house to introduce the community to their newly-constructed Human Resource Center building on Tuesday, Feb. 6, from 4 to 6:30 p.m. The center was built to house New Life Community Service, an outreach program of the church designed to improve the spiritual, emotional, mental, physical and social conditions of people in the area through counseling and substance abuse prevention education. Depending upon available funding, New Life offers substance-abuse prevention education in the school system; substance-abuse counseling, including alcohol and other drug dependencies; and counseling for marriages, relationships and family issues.

While the agency is an outreach of St. Francis Church, religious counseling is provided only if requested. The professional staff of the agency is dedicated to serving Crawford County and the surrounding

areas, with the type of personal service that can best be provided by an agency of modest size. Subsidized by grants from various sources, services are offered for nominal fees to anyone who wishes assistance, regardless of income.

Also housed in the Human Resource Center is AuSable Valley Youth Service Bureau, a private, nonprofit counseling agency, which works directly with delinquent and at-risk youth through contracts with the probate court. The bureau also operates the Sibs for Kids project, which matches adults with youth in the Big Brother/Big Sister program.

The Parish of St. Francis wishes to extend a very sincere invitation to all who would like to visit the facility on Tuesday, Feb. 6, from 4 to 6:30 p.m. Counselors and staff will be available to speak with you. Come and learn more about this important service to our community. Refreshments will be served.

Moffet to teach second grade at Grayling Elementary



NEW ELEMENTARY TEACHER—GES second grade instructor Kelly Moffit talks to her class about bees. She brings five years of teaching experience to the Crawford AuSable School District. (Nancy Lemmen Photo)

By Nancy Lemmen

Kelly Moffit said she joined the Crawford AuSable School District because she had heard great things about the district and also because her husband was teaching here.

Moffit was hired this year to teach second grade at Grayling Elementary School and coach junior varsity cheerleading at Grayling High School. Her husband Rich teaches social studies and coaches varsity basketball and junior varsity football at GHS. Moffit earned a bachelor's degree

from Central Michigan University with a triple minor in English, reading and child development.

She taught first grade for four years in Covert, located in southwest Michigan, and one year teaching second grade in the Mio AuSable School District.

"I hope that all of my students enjoy all aspects of school and become lifelong learners," said Moffit.

When not working, she enjoys aerobics, cross country skiing, tennis and reading.

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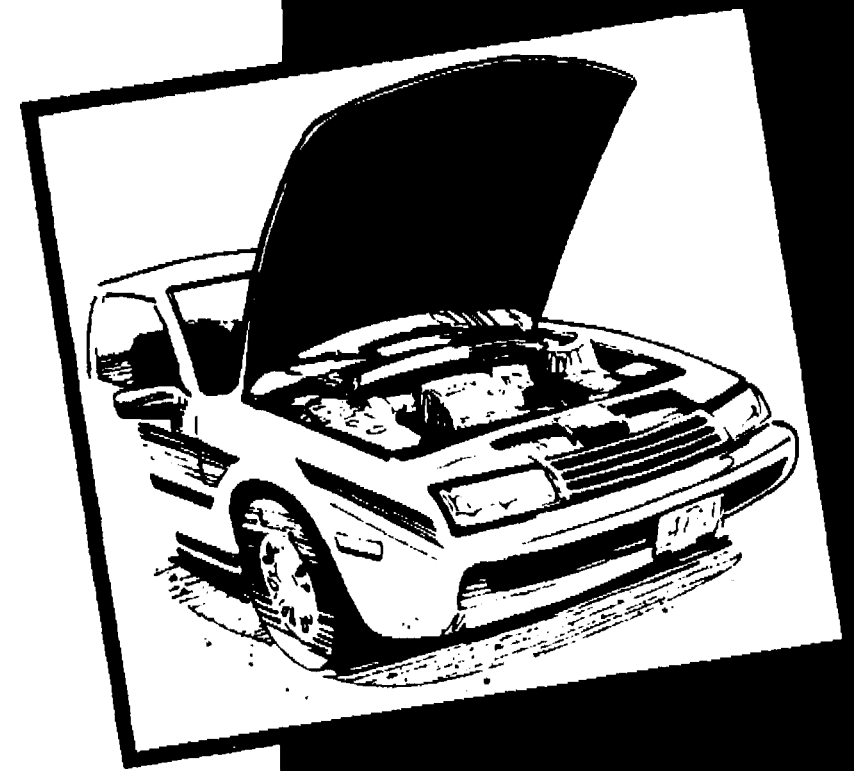


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Fire department conducts fire-safety program for children

Chief Russ Strohpaal of Grayling City/Township Fire Department, announced recently the fire department is continuing a commitment to fire prevention. As part of this commitment, the department is organizing its annual Fire and Burn Safety Program for the children of Grayling.

Over 750 youngsters, ages 5 through 11, will receive educational fire-prevention materials created and geared to each specific age level. This comprehensive program includes fire-safety guidebooks that contain 24 activity pages designed by educators to stimulate the child's awareness and independent thinking about the everyday fire hazards he or she may encounter. Various other fire-safety booklets, folders, posters and brochures are made available to encourage the prevention of destructive fires, painful burns, disfiguring injuries and needless death.

Bob Koch of the National Fire Safety

Council, Inc. (NFSC) will be helping local fire fighters in planning and delivering programs to the school children. Koch is the area fire safety coordinator of the NFSC. The NFSC is a federal, tax-exempt, nonprofit organization under the Internal Revenue Service Code of 501-C-3 and all contributions are tax-deductible.

Koch is presently in the process of explaining the entire program to the area business, industrial and professional leaders, asking for their financial support to help cover the cost of the materials used by the department.

Chief Strohpaal stresses to prospective sponsors that this is the only program of this type that the Grayling City/Township Fire Department will be conducting this year. Should any other person solicit for support, especially by phone or in person, and does not have a letter from Chief Strohpaal, contact the fire department immediately.

Outstanding KCC alumnus sought

The Kirtland Community College Alumni Committee is looking for nominations for the 1996 Outstanding Alumnus of the Year.

Selection criteria considers additional education beyond that received at Kirtland, professional accomplishments, involvement in community activities, leadership, and post-degree involvement with Kirtland or education in general. The nominee must have graduated in 1986 or before, with a certificate of completion or associate degree.

Persons may nominate themselves or someone else. Former nominees who have not been selected receive automatic consideration each year.

The alumnus selected will be recognized and asked to speak briefly at the college graduation ceremony on May 10. His or her name will also be engraved on a plaque in the

administration building on the campus. Formal written nomination highlighting the above criteria may be sent by Feb. 29, to Dale Marie Losee, Admissions/Recruiter, Kirtland Community College, 10775 N. St. Helen Road, Roscommon, MI 48653.

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ISSUES AND OPINIONS

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A couple irresponsible acts ruin it for all

To the editor,
This letter is in direct response to the tourism of our community regarding snowmobilers. I am an owner of a food establishment in Frederic, and don't appreciate the direct attack of the lack of responsibility with the businesses of Frederic. My establishment has TAM-certified employees and is a restaurant, not a drinking hangout!

We have an outstanding reputation throughout, for our food, and we are very proud of that fact. Frederic is not the only place snowmobilers can ride. The snowmobile trails do in fact go throughout northern Michigan.

I am a snowmobiler also, and it only takes a couple irresponsible acts to ruin it for all other abiding cautious riders. In my opinion, the law is very well enforced in Frederic and has been quite regularly.

As one knows, every year, more and more people are traveling and moving to our enriched area, and are bound to

bring some of the stress and city-like attitudes along with them.

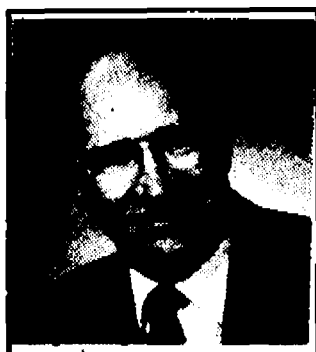
All in all, yes, snowmobilers do bring in a lot of revenue to Frederic, as well as do hunters, National Guards, and summer vacationers.

Of course, snowmobiling is a fun, recreational past-time, but seemingly, the people don't just come in to freshen-up, hang loose and spend all their money. If I was in this chosen business for the money, I would find another where I don't have to work every weekend, all holidays and 12-14 hours every day.

Remember, life is what one makes of it, and northern Michigan is a great place to live and raise a family with less of the headaches of the city life.

P.S. This year, accidents have been down a great deal compared to last year's season. Have a safe and happy snow season.

Gene and Lona Pawlanta,
Operator/Owner,
Frederic Inn



ALMANACK By Richard Milliman

Get ready for more tax reform

THE MAGIC words in national politics these days are "flat tax."

Steve Forbes has made it the basic plank of his one-note campaign for the Republican nomination for president, and the flat tax is generally credited with Mr. Forbes' rising political fortunes.

With one eye to the ascending Forbes balloon, Sen. Phil Gramm of Texas reminds us frequently that he was there first in favor of a flat tax. And he was. Mr. Gramm has been pushing the idea intermittently from back in the days when he was a Texas Democrat.

There's even been a national study commission for gosh sakes which has identified the flat tax as practically the salvation of our society.

Who can argue with the conclusions of a group which carries such a high-toned title as The National Commission on Economic Growth and Tax Reform, headed by Jack Kemp, former Congressman and cabinet member, and long-time advocate of economic reforms.

SO THE FLAT tax has credentials, unlike four years ago when its lone

champion trying to insert it into the national debate was losing Democratic presidential contender Jerry Brown from California.

In those days—really not so long ago, either—Mr. Brown's flat tax proposal was generally derided as just another one of those wild eyed ideas from California.

But times change.
The flat tax sounds simple, which is one of its attractions.

All the taxpayer does is figure income, then send in a flat percentage to the IRS. It can be done on a postcard, its advocates claim.

In its purest sense, that's true. But there are details, and in the details comes the devil.

First, is there a standard exemption? One of the popular current proposals is that the first \$30,000 of income is exempt. Then the tax starts at, say 17 or 20 percent. So the worker earning \$25,000 a year pays nothing, one earning \$40,000 a year pays 17 or 20 percent of \$10,000, and bigshot executives pay 17 or 20 percent of everything over \$30,000, no matter how high.

So the base exemption makes a

difference.

THEN THERE are other exceptions. Should interest on home mortgages be somehow exempt? The tax code has used deductions for interest to encourage home ownership, and it seems to be working. So why take this away from the working stiff?

How about charitable contributions? They are now generally deductible from income before figuring tax; if the deduction is changed, will people stop giving, and will churches and charities suffer? They probably would.

Or how about non-earned income? In some flat tax plans, tax would be paid only on salaries and wages, not on interest and dividends. Is this fair?

And if we don't continue to tax interest income, what would be the fate of non-taxable public bonds? Probably the main attraction of buying state or municipal bond issues is that the income from these investments is tax free. If it is taxed, would local and state governments face higher costs when they issue bonds for public projects? Probably.

THEN THERE'S a simple question

of fairness. Is a flat tax fairer than a graduated tax? For a lower-level earner, paying a flat rate of say 10 percent on \$25,000, is that \$2,500 tax more important to him/her than 10 percent of a \$100,000 earner, or \$10,000? It probably is; the lower earner has only \$22,500 left, while the higher earner has \$90,000 left.

The question of yield is important. When listening to arguments about the flat tax—or any change in the tax system, for that matter—keep in mind that if taxes are lowered somewhere in the system, then they must be raised someplace else, if they are to provide the same dollar return. There's no free lunch for everybody in tax reform.

A flat tax has some sacred precedent, too. The Bible urged the tithing, or 10 percent of the first fruits of labor to be given to God. That's much like a flat tax.

But no matter what proponents of the flat tax claim, isn't not simple.

The only simple, realistic postcard return is the old joke:

Line A: What did you earn?
Line B: What do you have left?
Line C: Send it in.

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

Voice your opinion for humane animal control

To the editor:

On Tuesday, February 6, at 8 a.m., the Ways and Means Committee of the Crawford County Board of Commissioners will meet to discuss the possibility of relieving Dixie Lobsinger of her animal control duties.

In 1991, the commissioners decided they no longer wanted to run or fund the Crawford County Animal Shelter. In 1994, they hired Mrs. Lobsinger to work as a part-time animal control officer.

Mrs. Lobsinger has been outstanding in performing her duties. She is one of those rare people who can do the tough

jobs while never losing a sense of humanity. I have no doubt that the county can find a "dog catcher," but I seriously question whether it will find a person who cares about animals in the way Mrs. Lobsinger does.

Furthermore, I question the commission's commitment to continuing a humane approach toward animal control. I do not want the current animal shelter to become more "nuisance oriented," as one commissioner is reported to have suggested at a January 9 meeting. Nor do I think the shelter should be moved to a more rural location, as that same

commissioner is said to have suggested. (See the article on page 2A of the January 18 issue of the Avalanche.)

If you care about the needs of the lost, abandoned, neglected, abused and unwanted animals of Crawford County, please voice your opinion to your commissioner before next Tuesday's meeting. Tell him or her that you support Dixie Lobsinger's humane and successful efforts as animal control officer.

Nancy Lemmen,
Grayling

We can enjoy our beautiful community if we read the signs and obey the rules

To the editor,

This letter is in response to the many, many comments made for and against snowmobilers in our community.

My family has just moved from the Frederic area (north of town) to the southern end of our county (just north of Fletcher Rd. on 76). I have been a long-time resident of Crawford County and would never want to live anywhere else. There are many summer and winter activities to enjoy in our area and everyone who visits our county is also entitled to partake of its beauty.

However, I don't remember any of the letters discussing the major point concerning the snowmobile predicament that we have. It is called common courtesy.

Everyone knows that any business coming into our community is very good and I would hope that all of the businesses in our area encourage this. However, every sport has its season

and its place. Snowmobiles do not belong on cross-country trails or downhill ski slopes. Cross-country skiers do not belong on snowmobile trails either. When we lived in Frederic, and we did so for five years, every Friday and Saturday evening I could count on my 2-year-old son being awakened from his sleep because the snowmobiles would fly across our front lawn. It is against the law for them to drive on the road. They would leave the bars and race up County Rd. 612 at speeds of 40-50 mph. This took place throughout the entire winter. Because I understand that it is against the law, who can blame them for creating a trail on the side of the road? It would be nice, however, if they were somewhat concerned about the people sleeping in the houses on that road and slowed down a bit. I would bet, that if I took a snowmobile, started at the end of a city block at 2 a.m. and raced

down everyone's front lawn, I would probably be arrested and thrown in jail. Where we live now is much more peaceful and quiet.

My whole point to this letter is that sometimes things are not always convenient for everyone. Maybe we can all make a few exceptions and get back to enjoying our beautiful community and showing each other some common courtesy. People need to obey the rules and read the signs. Are the signs that say private, keep out and no snowmobiles that difficult to understand? There are hundreds of miles of snowmobile and cross-country trails in Crawford County. Keep your sport in its proper place and use some common sense.

Brenda F. Bergan,
Roscommon

From one local snowmobiling "yahoo" to another

To the editor,

I can appreciate the growing concern lately over the issue of snowmobiling in our county. After purchasing a pair of machines from Terry's Sport Center, we instantly became aware of the growing concerns and problems snowmobiling is causing.

DNR officer Lutz informed most of us in an article two weeks ago, on the "crackdown of yahoo element." I personally was one to receive a fine for "operating on the railroad right-of-way," which is the 2-track trail along the side of the railroad tracks that extends from Pick's garage to the intersection at the end of Pollack Bridge Road. To anyone who rides back here, I would advise not to, unless you also would like a ticket.

We quickly realized also, that a lot has changed in 15 years since I've ridden as a youngster. A population explosion of snowmobilers in the area makes for a whole new ball game. Where we once used to blaze trails through the woods, we are now confined to designated trails only. With groomed trails, curve signs, stop signs and distance signs to point us in the right direction, our trails have become snowmobile super-highways with accidents increasing every year.

I guess what is bothering me is that not everyone who drives a snowmobile in this county is necessarily a "yahoo." There are quite a few locals who enjoy the sport also, along with enjoying the natural beauty of our surroundings. So, before you all classify us all as

"yahoos" or "weekenders," keep in mind some of us are locals trying to enjoy the sport also.

As we all know, there will always be a handful of people who ruin the reputation for all of us, it would be nice if everyone would think again before discriminating. As for the DNR and railroad company's problem of "yahoos" on the tracks, all I can say is this, while riding on the trail along M-93 towards the guard camp, one can observe a path which leads off to the left between the old Pine Knoll Campground and Military Road. This path is clearly marked with a no-snowmobile sign, and there are no tracks leading in this direction. This leads me to wonder, if the cross-country skiers who's main concern is

maybe catching a tip and falling down, have figured out how to keep people from messing up their trails, then why can't the railroad company and the DNR do the same, especially when the concern of the train's derailling poses a much greater problem?

From one "yahoo to another," be advised, the 2-track trails next to the railroad are off limits, whether posted or not. I hate to see anyone receive an \$85 fine for not realizing this.

So, have fun, drive safe, obey the rules and regulations, be considerate of other people's property, and most of all, stay off, or near the railroad tracks, or you too will be labeled a "yahoo."

Patrick Ross,
Grayling

JIM FITZGERALD

Pleats a great way to escape discomfort-driven dressing

Sometimes something is missing for so long that you forget it was ever there. But then it returns and you remember it fondly, and you're glad it's back. That's how I feel about pleated pants.

Last week, for the first time in God knows how long, I got a new suit. I put on the pants and looked in the mirror, and it was a few seconds before I realized why my new pants looked different from the pants I've been wearing for so many years that only God can count them.

Then I put my hands in my pockets and was startled to find enough room to make fists. I pushed my fists outward and noticed the fabric billow below my belt. Pleats!

The next day I remarked to a friend how nice it was that pleats are returning to pants. He looked at me askance. About my pants. I like the sound of that. I should have asked him to dance.

My friend explained his askance: "It must have been 10 years since you bought a suit."

"How do you know? Did God tell you?" I asked, ever alert for a holy squealer.

Pleats sneak back

My friend said pleats have been back for a long time. I said it was news to me because I don't do lunch. I've always believed the only sensible reason to buy new clothes is because your old clothes no longer fit you. I've kept from gaining weight for God knew how many years by never eating lunch. So my pants never become tight. They

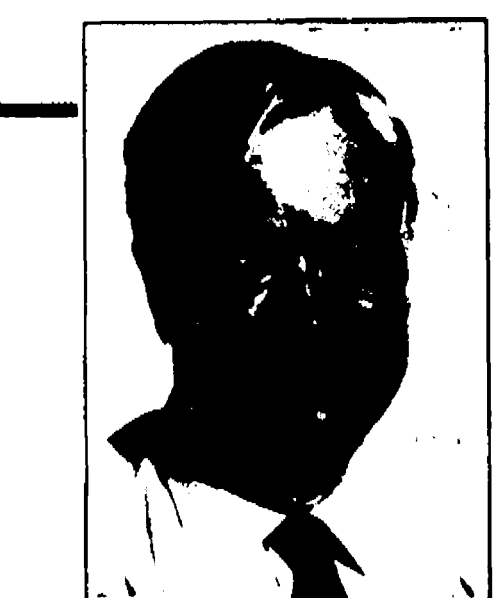
never become loose because I don't attend diet meetings or exercise classes. Life is simple, and dressing is cheap, once you realize the most super lunch is superfluous. And Vic Tanny and Florine Mark are out of their minds.

The only reason I finally got a new suit is my wife said she was so sick of my old suits she would buy me a new one with her Social Security check. If I'd known it would come with these marvelous pleats, I would have married an older woman who'd have become eligible for Social Security sooner.

My new pants have four definite folds across the top. Two of the folds evolve into conventional creases that descend to my shoes. The other two folds serve no purpose other than to create pleats. They are purely decorative, even frivolous, if you wish. Only God knows for sure, but I think the last time I wore frivolous pleats was before World War II.

Unlike lunch and push-ups, a little frivolity is necessary. It pains me to realize my thirtysomething son grew up without knowing the frivolity—not to mention comfort—of pleats in his pants. He knew nothing except pants that stretched tightly and blably across his abdomen without the slightest ripple of fabric. He thought creases always stopped ascending at the crotch.

He never knew the pleasure of putting his hands in his pockets and jingling coins. He never carried a dime that didn't leave a lasting impression of President Franklin D. Roosevelt in



his thigh. He never sat down without feeling scrunchy pain.

Pleats save sanity

It is dumb enough for skinny boys to wear tight pants. But old men with big stomachs also wear them, which is really stupid. Fat women hide under full skirts, but too many fat men wear pants the way apples wear skins.

If cleanliness is next to godliness, comfort is certainly next to sanity.

It is insane for anyone to wear too-tight pants on purpose. The return of pleated pants to the United States signals the rest of the world that this nation is regaining its sanity.

I wore my new pants to work. I jiggled the coins and keys in my pockets, and I luxuriated in the soft parting of pleats. I remembered actors George Raft and Fred Astaire, who always wore pleats. It was marvelous nostalgia.

In a hallway, I joined steps with a woman I know. She was tottering terribly on spiked heels. I asked her if she knew comfort was next to sanity. She asked me if I knew my pants were baggy.

Besides me, only God knows I shook my fist at her without taking it out of my pocket.

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DOODLES FROM THE TALL TIMBER

By Wendell L. Hoover, Park Interpreter,
North Higgins Lake State Park

When wax and tallow became more generally available, it soon followed for someone to set up a business making and selling candles. Some enterprising tinsmith probably developed the first metal candle mold with as many as two dozen tapered tubes allowing candles to be molded in quantity. One source states that some candle makers traveled from home to home with their large molds to make candles for the family from whatever supply of tallow and wax they had. Payment received for the candle makers service was in the form of whatever the family had an excess of, that both parties could agree upon.

The only improvements in lighting made during the 1700s, were provided by the whale. Candles made from spermaceti obtained from the sperm whale provided several times the light of a tallow candle and they did not have the disagreeable odor. The catch was that such candles were too expensive for the typical home. One can only imagine the cost of the 40 or more candles required to provide light in a big house for just one night. When a candle became too short for further use, it was saved to be melted down by the traveling candle maker. With so many candles, it was necessary for the household to have a candle snuffer (a small metal cone) made of tin or wrought iron for everyday use, but for social gatherings, the snuffer would

likely be of silver.

It wasn't until sometime in the early 1800s, that stearic acid was separated from the glycerin of fat, and a candle made with the addition of stearic acid was far superior to candles made from other materials. When paraffin became available from petroleum, it replaced the use of spermaceti and when paraffin was combined with stearic acid it became the basic material for candles.

The other improvement in lighting was the whale-oil lamp, which was really only a covered cup with a tightly-woven wick that passed through a hole in the cover. Such lamps came in a variety of shapes, from squat to some on pedestals, but the most unique was the petticoat lamp, which had a socket or skirt allowing it to be set on the top knob of a tall ladder-back chair to provide light for reading.

The tall glass chimney was developed to enclose an entire candle, to protect the flame from the drafts, so common in houses before storm windows and insulation. When the oil lamp with its central burner, in combination with a glass chimney, was developed, it became the standard light-producing device. The farmer carried his lantern to the barn, the railroad brakeman depended upon it for signaling and the lamp on the living room table was the central focus of the family when the sun went down.

National Theatre of the Deaf to perform at Kirtland

For the first time in its 28-year history, the Tony Award winning National Theatre of the Deaf (NTD) is holding over a touring production for a second season. As presented by NTD, *An Italian Straw Hat* is a fast-paced comedy of mistaken identities, impossible situations and close calls, which has brought the troupe of hearing and deaf actors standing ovations in all 50 states.

Kirtland Center for the Performing Arts has contracted with the company for one performance only on Saturday, Feb. 10, at 8 p.m. This is an opportunity for area residents to experience first hand, a world-class performance by a nationally-respected company which has performed on stages from China to Broadway.

An Italian Straw Hat is NTD's most lavish production to date. It comes complete with a 1-man orchestra and an 18-foot Eiffel Tower on stage. The costumes and wigs poke "flounced and beribboned fun at turn-of-the-century styles."

This exuberant comedy is perfectly suited for audiences of all ages. The seasoned ensemble infuses this time-honored french vaudeville-farce with a madcap energy, transforming it into a sparkling satire of Paris' ever-ridiculous—but always loveable—bourgeoisie.

The marathon mayhem begins when a bridegroom, on the way to his

wedding, stops briefly in a park. Unfortunately, that is just long enough for his horse to sweeten his oats with the poppies gracing a straw hat left hanging in a tree by someone engaged in an "affaire d'amour."

The much-harried bridegroom finds the hat's owner inconsolable, her trusting partner implacable, the hat seemingly irreplaceable, and the horticulturally-minded future in-laws impossible unsophisticated in matters of honor and the heart. The production takes cream-pie flinging shots at stuffy middle-class mores, conventions and indelicacies and leaves everyone slightly dished but happy.

In addition to the performance, the cast of *An Italian Straw Hat* will also give a workshop earlier in the day at a seminar at Kirtland Community College titled "Don't Be A Pan Face." The seminar will feature guest lecturer Chris Hunter, director of the Division on Deafness, a part of the Michigan Commission on Disability Concerns within the Michigan Department of Labor. Cost of the seminar is \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door, and includes admission to all lectures and workshops, dinner and admission to the performance.

For additional information, or if you would like to make a reservation for the performance or the seminar, contact the Kirtland Ticket Office at (517) 275-6777.

HEALTHLINE

Linda DeMarchis, M.A., Health Educator

This column is presented as a public service to the community by District Health Department No. 1, which serves Wexford, Missaukee, Kalkaska, and Crawford counties. If you have a question you would like answered, please send it to Health Educator, District Health Department No. 1, 401 Lake St., Cadillac, MI, 49601.

Question: My children love to play outdoors and want to take up some winter sports. Any suggestions on protecting them from the cold as well as injuries?

Signed: Chilly Referee
Answer: When it comes to cold-weather crisis, the best treatment is prevention. The following information from Childrens Hospital of Michigan Trauma Center will tell you how to prepare your child for outdoor winter activities.

- Layer clothing, this retains heat.
- Select waterproof clothing and boots to resist moisture.
- Invest in hats, ear muffs, scarves, waterproof gloves or mittens, warm jacket/coat/leggings, heavy socks and waterproofed boots. In severe cold, add a knitted mask to protect the face.

- Limit out-of-door time.
- Be alert to wind chills and temperature changes.
- Have children change wet clothes right away.
- For snow sports, have children wear goggles or sunglasses to protect eyes from damaging effects of the sun.
- Protect exposed skin surfaces with sunscreens, especially in mountainous areas.
- Make sure children are physically ready for winter sports. Most children can ski safely at age 5, ice skate at 5 or 6, but are not usually ready for ice hockey until age 8 or 9. However, these are just a few guidelines. Check with your child's physician for expert guidance.
- Select sports equipment appropriate for the child's age, weight, strength and ability. Ask your ski shop or sports store for recommendations on skis. Ice skates also should fit properly. (Most injuries in children's sports result from too much overall stress on a child's immature muscular and skeletal systems.) Children who play ice hockey should use helmets, face masks and padding on elbows, hips and ankles, and be supervised by adults.

MEMBERS TO THE EDITOR

Winter Wolf Festival had great activities

To the editor,
Our family really enjoyed the Winter Wolf Festival, with all the great activities. We appreciate those of you who helped put it on, especially John Alef and Mark Sloan, with the downhill skiing and the support of Grayling

State Bank. Cindy Olson, coordinator of the Hanson Hills activities, the chamber of commerce, and those other volunteers behind the scenes.

Matt, Jill, Chris, and Steve Seager,

Is killing more animals a solution?

To the editor,
I am writing this letter in response to the article that appeared in the *Crawford County Avalanche* on Jan. 18. After reading this, I am wondering if the citizens of Crawford County are really ready to go back to the days of a dog catcher with a 4- to 7-day kill policy? The Crawford County Board of Commissioners suggested that the shelter move to a more rural location. I am wondering what, if any, provisions have been made to secure property for the relocation of the animal shelter and what funds are available for rebuilding?

The Animal Shelter of Crawford County took in approximately 1,000 animals in 1994, of which 70 percent of dogs and 45 percent of cats were adopted. This includes dogs that have gone to Leader Dog for the Blind, of which 40 are serving as seeing-eye dogs throughout the world. (Records for 1995 are not available at this time.) A 7-day kill policy would not allow this to happen. As a property owner in Crawford County, I am concerned

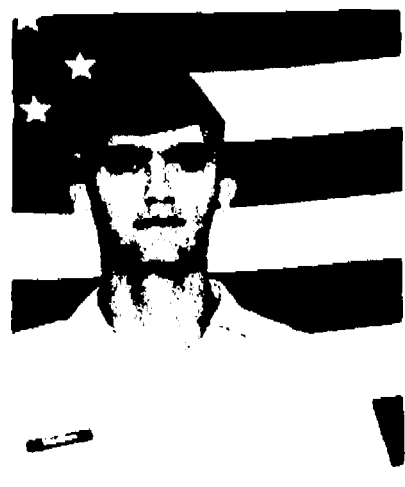
about the negative attitude and willingness of the commissioners to destroy helpless and abandoned animals versus a positive attempt to build on the good foundation that has already been started.

The present director of the animal shelter, Dixie Lobsinger, has worked many long and hard hours making the needs of the animals and shelter known to the community, which extends beyond Crawford County. She has spoken to many of the civic organizations in the community, as well as attempting to educate students regarding proper care and maintenance of animals, in an attempt to reduce overpopulation and abandonment.

In closing, I would like to add that Concerned Citizens For Animals, a Michigan non-profit corporation, provides each adopted animal with a discount certificate toward spaying or neutering their new pet in an effort to control the overpopulation problem.

Gail A. Lee,
Lewiston

MILITARY NEWS



Air Force Airman John M. Brannan has graduated from basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and customs and receiving special training in human relations. In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Brannan is the son of David R. and Carol L. Brannan of Grayling.

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FRI. 2	• BBB VS. ONAWAY, away, 6 pm. • GROUNDHOG'S DAY.
SAT. 3	• WRESTLING @ WHITEMORE PRESCOTT INV., 10 am. • LOCAL MS SUPPORT GROUP meeting @ Roscommon Community Building, 4 blocks east of light on State St., 2-4 pm. Call Judy 275-4671 for information. • FRIENDSHIP SINGLES DANCE @ Breakers Steak House, 9 pm - 1 am. Call 348-5507 or 348-8350 for more information.
SUN. 4	• ATTEND THE CHURCH of your choice today.
MON. 5	• GRAYLING ELEMENTARY PARENTS GROUP, 11:45 am. • VB VS. CHARLEVOIX, away, 6 pm. • FRESH BBB VS. GAYLORD, away, 7 pm. • KIWANIS LUNCHEON MEETING @ 12:10 pm, Chief Shoppenagon's Motor Hotel.
TUES. 6	• MS BBB VS. BOYNE CITY, home, 5 pm. • BBB VS. GAYLORD, home, 6 pm. • GRAYLING PROMOTIONAL ASSOCIATION luncheon meeting @ noon, Iron Gate Restaurant. • AUSABLE RIVER CANOE JOINT MARATHON meeting @ Mio AuSable Restaurant, 7 pm. • OPEN HOUSE @ St. Francis Human Resources Center housing New Life Community Service & Youth Services Bureau, M-72 West, 4-6:30 pm.
WED. 7	• WELLINGTON FARM FOLK DINNER meeting @ Wert's Lone Pine Inn, 6:15 pm. Call 348-5187 for more information. • VB VS. ALCONA, away, 6 pm. • SINGLES FUN NIGHT @ Breakers Steak House, starting at 7 pm. Call 348-5507 or 348-8350 for more information. • ROTARY LUNCHEON MEETING @ Chief Shoppenagon's Motor Hotel, 12 noon. • WEIGHT WATCHER'S meeting @ St. Francis Episcopal Church on M-72 W., weigh-in 4:45; meeting 5:30 pm. For more information call Sandy @ 348-5321.

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From the Calvary Baptist Church

SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

By Jan Farley

Special thought for the week: Friendship should not be thought of as something we get; it is something we give.

Update on the MIC and Senior Commodities program: The MIC and Senior Commodities program will be in Crawford County (February only) at the COA, 308 Lawndale, at 2 p.m. and the date is Feb. 7. It will be at Breakers Steak House, 2123 Industrial Drive, (formerly Weatherly's Country House) in March and then on. Seniors in the Grayling Housing project will still have theirs delivered, or they can pick their box up at the COA. Any senior or mothers with children may still sign up or re-certify at the Senior Center at 308 Lawndale, Grayling. If you have any questions, call the COA at 348-7123.

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Some up-coming things for the weeks ahead: Jan. 31 at 5:30 p.m. "Hangman"; Sunday Brunch on Feb. 4th with pancakes on the menu; Card parties on Tuesdays from 1 to 4 p.m., and play bridge, euchre, pinocle, etc.; "BK" Bingo on Feb. 7; Blood pressures and sugars taken on Feb. 8 from 11 a.m. to 12 noon; and the new activity on Fridays—Coffee Klatsch at 10 a.m. All seniors are invited to attend. Sit and chat with your friends and neighbors and get a chance to find out what the folks think about anything that is on their mind. It's fun and informative, too! Valentine's Dance on Feb. 13, at 12:30 p.m.

Come and eat at the center. The meals are tasty, well balanced, and it is really the best deal in town! Any senior, or spouse, that is 60+ is welcome and bring your friends and family. \$1.50 donation for seniors, and the charge

for those under 60 is \$3.

Take note! Reservations are recommended, however, we can always take a few walk-ins—but for the most part, try and call ahead, 348-7123. Meals are served at 12 noon and 5 p.m. Monday thru Thursday, and 12 noon only on Fridays. Menus are subject to change without notice.

Lunch/Dinner

Jan. 31—Fish/Ham Steak;
Feb. 1—Kielbasa & Kraut/Salisbury Steak;
Feb. 2—BBQ Chicken/No Dinner;
Feb. 5—Brown Chicken/Goulash;
Feb. 6—Chicken Kiev/Sweet & Sour Meatballs;
Feb. 7—Hawaiian Ham/Swiss Steak;
Feb. 8—Fish/BBQ Chicken;
Feb. 9—Roast Beef/No Dinner.

Love Your Enemy?

Christ reminded His disciples of the error of the Pharisees who hated their enemies. "Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy." (Matthew 5:43) The Pharisees had every right to hate the evil character and conduct of their enemies, but not their persons. Just because our enemies hate us and harm us is no reason for us to hate them.

Christ corrected this religious error. "But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;" (Matthew 5:44) Christ teaches us that being hated for our faith will bring us blessings. "Blessed are ye, when men shall hate you, and when they shall separate you [from their company], and shall reproach [you], and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of man's sake." (Luke 6:22)

Christ said loving your enemies

would identify us with God's family and His practice. "That ye may be the children of our Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust." (Matthew 5:45) Christ said loving our enemies would separate us from this world system and their practice. "For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? do not even the publicans the same? And if ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more than others? do not even the publicans so?" (Matthew 5:46, 47) Christ said loving our enemies would sanctify us or set us apart with the perfection or maturity of our Heavenly Father. "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect." (Matthew 5:48)

The Pharisees had overlooked the Old Testament commands to show love to their enemies. "If thou meet thine enemy's ox or his ass going astray, thou shalt surely bring it back to him again." (Exodus 23:4) "If thou

see the ass of him that hateth thee lying under his burden, and wouldest forbear to help them, thou shalt surely help with him." (Exodus 23:5) "If thine enemy be hungry, give him bread to eat; and if he be thirsty, give him water to drink: For thou shalt heap coals of fire upon his head, and the LORD shall reward thee." (Proverbs 25:21, 22)

After being crucified on the cross Christ showed us by example how to love our enemies. "Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. And they parted his raiment, and cast lots." (Luke 23:34) "...Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps." (1 Peter 2:21)

Pastor "B"

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What do our hands tell us?
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A mother's hands are firm, capable, yet gentle...Dad's hands are big, strong - they represent authority. Grandmother's hands are wrinkled and veined - they tell us about kneading bread...and praying. An old man's hands are gnarled and crippled, crossed on a cane, waiting. Praying hands, working hands, little hands, old hands all grapple with the problems of life.

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With outstretched hands your church or synagogue welcomes you, seeks you, extends a joyous invitation to worship God.

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First Baptist Church Of Frederick
Pastor Dale Hammond
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Worship 6 p.m.
Wed. Prayer & Bible Study 7 p.m.

Christian Science Society
209 First St. - Suite 103 - Gaylord
Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.
April through October
2nd Wednesday 8 p.m.

Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church
Pastor J. Douglas Paterson
400 Michigan Ave.
348-2974
Sunday Worship 9:30 & 11 a.m.
Sunday School 9:45-10:45 a.m.
Coffee Fellowship 12 noon
Bible Study (Wed.) 10 a.m.

Seventh Day Adventist
Pastor David Stramel
Phone 348-4445
Services held Saturday at Camp AuSable off M-72 East (1st building on right inside camp entrance).
Church Service 9:30 a.m.
Sabbath School 10:30 a.m.
Prayer Meeting Tues 7 p.m.

Grayling Assembly of God
Rev. Ron Voelker, Pastor
701 S. I-75 Business Loop
Church 348-8885/Parsonage 348-2588
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wednesday - Family Night
Adult-Youth-Children 7 p.m.

Christian Science Society
Zone 11, 106 James St. - Houghton Lake
Sunday Ser. & Sunday School 11 a.m.
1st Wednesday (April-Oct.) 7:30 p.m.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
President Larry A. Cook
600 North Elm St., Gaylord
Sacrament 10 a.m.
Sunday School 11 a.m.
Primary 11 a.m.
Priesthood 12 noon
Relief Society 12 noon

Heritage Baptist
Pastor Ernie Wagner 348-1411
1841 Hartwick Pines Rd.
1/4 mile west of I-75
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Worship 6 p.m.
Wednesday 7 p.m.

St. John Evangelical Lutheran (ELCA)
Pastor Robert Cochran
710 Spruce St. - Phone 348-5224
Bible School 9:15 a.m.
Adult Bible Study 9:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
Nursery is available

Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
Pastor Lacey Stephan, Jr.
Corner of North Down River Rd. and South Millikin Rd.
Church School 9:45 a.m.
Preaching 11 a.m.
Midweek Service Prayer 7 p.m.

Gaylord Christian Reformed
Rev. V. Schaap
415 Ohio North
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7:30 p.m.

St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church
Robert W. Nalley, J.C.L., Pastor
Lee Ann Duncley, Pastoral Associate
702 Peninsular - 348-7657
Sabbath Eucharist
Saturday Vigil 5 p.m.
Sunday 9 & 11 a.m.

Daily Worship
Tuesday & Thursday 7 p.m.
Wednesday & Friday 9:30 a.m.
Sacrament of Reconciliation, anytime by appointment, Saturday at 4 p.m. and 1/2 hour prior to weekday masses.

Calvary Assembly of God
Rev. Lawrence Cook
250 Lake St. - Roscommon - 275-5309
Sunday School 9:45
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wednesday Family Night 7 p.m.

Calvary Baptist Church
Dr. Robert Burnett, Pastor
M-72 West
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship 6 p.m.
Mid-Week Services
Prayer & Awaits Club (Wed) 7 p.m.

Church of Christ
Gordon French Minister
Old US 27 at Skyline Rd.
348-8573
Sunday School & Worship 10:45 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday
Mid-week Bible Study 7 p.m.

Bear Lake Christian
M-72 & East Bear Lake Rd.
Sunday School 9 a.m.
Sunday Service 10 a.m.

The Church of Christ with the Eliza Message
Pastor John E. Weaver
7662 Kelly Ave. - Frederic
Sunday Worship 10 a.m.
Sunday School 7 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7 p.m.

Abundant Life Tabernacle
Pastor Lyle Stender
211 Shellenberger St.
Grayling, Mich.
Sunday Morning 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Night 6 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.

Grayling Baptist Church
Affiliated with S.B.C.
Pastor Terry Colby
Meeting at 501 Michigan Avenue
(517) 348-2557
Sunday Bible Study 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Worship 6 p.m.
Wednesday Services 7 p.m.

Lovells Chapel
Pastor Gary Hopp
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Chapel Service 11 a.m.
Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7-8 p.m.

Free Methodist
Joseph Carpenter - Pastor
6652 W. Kalkaska Rd.
(M-72 West) Phone 348-5362
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Morning Service 11 a.m.
Evening Service 6 p.m.
Prayer Meeting (Wednesday) 7 p.m.

Mt. Hope Evangelical Lutheran - Missouri Synod
Rev. Paul Burger, Pastor
905 North I-75 Business Loop
348-5921 or 348-6504
Sunday School 9 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
Monday Women's Bible Study 9 a.m.
Thursday Men's Promise
Keepers Study 7 p.m.
Tuesday Weekday School 5 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 9 a.m.

St. Francis' Episcopal
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Sunday Holy Eucharist 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.
Morning Praise 10:30 a.m.
(The second Sunday of each month)
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Children's Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
Sunday nursery provided 10:30 a.m.
Adult Choir Practice (Monday) 6 p.m.

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Herbert R. Filter, Pastor
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Services held at the Roscommon Community Center, Sunday mornings at 9 a.m., 510 South St., Roscommon, MI.

Luzerne Baptist
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Sunday Evening Worship 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.

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ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED—Mr. and Mrs. Duane LaMotte of Grayling, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Stacey L. Austin, to Chad M. Gorman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Gorman, also of Grayling. A May wedding is now being planned.



ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED—Bob Cochran and Pam Rodriguez are pleased to announce their engagement. Bob is the pastor of St. John Lutheran Church in Grayling, and Pam is a claims representative for the Bureau of Disability Determination in Columbus, Ohio. A Dec. 14 wedding is being planned at Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Columbus, Ohio.

RSVP HAPPENINGS

By Gloria Mologianes

Did you think that volunteering for RSVP meant that you would either be doing Meals on Wheel deliveries or transporting seniors? Well, here is a volunteer opportunity that is different, and I think sounds like a lot of fun, and interesting to boot.

The Nokomis Center in Houghton Lake, is looking for volunteers who would like to help the youths in their everyday life course. What you would need to do is pretend you are a store clerk, banker, landlord or prospective employer. The boys have to get a job, rent an apartment, buy a car, open a bank account, and just go about the living of everyday life to complete this course of their training. It helps make it a little more realistic if the people acting the parts are people they don't know. I wish I had the time to do this because it sounds interesting and fun.

If this sounds like something you might be interested in, or if you want to check out some of the other opportunities we can offer you, give

us a call at 348-4341, or stop in and visit us at 303 Lawndale. We might surprise you with some of the ways we can help you to brighten these last weary days of winter.

CRAWFORD COUNTY LIBRARY NEWS

By Tracie Compton, Librarian

Tax forms are available at the Crawford County Library. Free federal and state tax forms are in the front entrance. Additional forms are available from the reproducible booklets and cost 25¢ a copy.

Cabin Fever Book Club, sponsored by McDonald's of Grayling, will run Jan. 8 through March 8, at the Crawford County Libraries.

To enjoy the Cabin Fever Book Club, visit your local library. Every other visit will earn you a free sandwich from McDonald's of Grayling.

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Value Line Investment Survey is available at the Crawford County Library. The weekly updates include a summary and index, ratings and reportings and selection and opinion inserts.

For more information, call 348-9214.

DISTRICT COURT

Appearing before The Honorable Judge Francis L. Walsh:

Donald Julius Prause, 65, of Grayling, plead guilty to the charge of Grayling City Ordinance #4—Disorderly Person, and was fined \$160 or 14 days. He was cited Dec. 24, 1993, by the city police.

Therese A. Hiestler, 71, of Mancelona, plead guilty to the charge of NSF Check Under \$50, and was fined \$160 or 14 days, restitution paid.

James Dale McCredie, 32, of Grayling, plead guilty to the charge of Attempt NSF Check Under \$50, and was fined \$110 or 10 days, restitution paid.

Keith David Malcom, 21, of Roscommon, plead guilty to the charge of Impaired Driving, and was fined \$540 or 60 days, placed on six months probation, plus his license was suspended 90 days. He was cited Aug. 12, 1995, by the conservation dept.

Jeffrey Dale Theaker, 41, of Grayling, plead guilty to the charge of Impaired Driving, and was fined \$540 or 60 days, placed on six months probation, plus his license was suspended 90 days. He was cited Aug. 17, 1995, by the sheriff dept.

Patrick Leslie Merrill, 33, of Grayling, plead guilty to the charge of UBAL 2nd, and was fined \$740 or 60 days, with mandatory two days in jail, placed on one year probation with last 30 days in jail, plus his license was revoked one year. He was cited Sept. 8, 1995, by the city police.

Robert E. Lee Stillwell, 28, of Grayling, demanded a preliminary exam on the charge of Fail To Return Rented Property Over \$100. A \$2,500 cash or surety bond was set.

Floyd Ervin Goddard, 53, of Grayling, was bound over to circuit court on three counts of Delivery Marijuana, and one count of Intent To Deliver Marijuana. A \$7,500 cash or surety bond was set.

Robert Dale Hudson, 37, of Grayling, was bound over to circuit court on the charge of Manufacture Marijuana. A \$5,000 personal bond was set.

Class of '86 seeks addresses

The Grayling High School Class of '86 reunion committee needs addresses for the following persons: John Quest, Rob Gelinski, Kim Cole, Kathy Allen, Lisa Spina, Mike Mitchell, Stacey Steele, Billy/Dan England, Steve Johnson, Connie Weber, Eric Liddy, Byron Smith, Eric Root, Don May and Nancy Cybart.

Contact Pam Barr at 348-4030, Shawn Kraycs at 348-6850, or Lori Pfaff at 348-7580. You are urged to call if you have information on any of the above people. Invitations need to get out. Also, send Glen's slips to: Michelle Moshier, 504 Ionia, Grayling, MI 49738.

HONORS LIST

A total of 1,888 students are included on the dean's list for the fall semester of the 1995-96 academic year at Western Michigan University, including Sean Mirate of Grayling.

To be eligible, students must have compiled at least a 3.5 grade-point average (on a scale of 4.0 being all As) in at least 14 hours of graded class work.

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7 - 9 pm

BEGINNING GENEALOGY
Location: GHS
Room A-6
Fee: \$35.00

Climbing Your Family Tree. This class will be a basic guide to the novice researcher. Genealogy is an adventure. You will find individuals from all walks of life—perhaps a lumberjack, a king or two, or even a bank robber. Topics will include where to start, how to retrieve vital records, church records and probate records.

Instructor: Shelley Hubbard

WOODSHOP
Location: GHS Woodshop
Fee: \$35.00
Materials Extra

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Instructor: Bob Praise

FIRST AID/CPR
Location: GHS Room A-9
Fee: \$35.00
Materials Extra

This course will cover adult cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and pediatric and infant CPR. Class enrollment will be limited to 12 participants. The materials cost will be \$13.50. The class will be taught by a certified E.M.T. and upon completion of the course, participants will receive an American Heart Association CPR and First Aid certificate card.

Instructor: Karen Lozon

INTRODUCTION TO COMPUTERS
Location: ALC Room L-2
Fee: \$50.00
Time: 6-10 pm

This course is a 15-week introductory course to computer usage. The basic objective is to acquaint students with an application program which will perform spreadsheet, database, and word processing tasks. Specifically the Microsoft Works program will be used, with the South-Western book Microsoft Works Tutorial and Applications used as the classroom text.

Instructor: Mel Lucksted

Tuesday - February 6, 1996
7 - 9 pm

DRIED FLOWER ARRANGING
Location: Flowers by Josie
Michigan Ave.
Fee: \$35.00 - Materials extra

Crawford AuSable Community Education Program, in conjunction with Flowers by Josie, will be offering an 8-week course in dried and silk flower arranging.

The course will consist of three sessions, each session designed to create a unique and permanent keepsake.

The first two sessions will cost \$22.50 to \$30.00 apiece depending on the type of arrangement the student chooses to create. The student may bring in their own materials for the final session (no student cost), or they may purchase their supplies at 20% discount at Flower's by Josie. Instructor: E. Dawson, A.I.F.D.

STAINED GLASS
Location: GHS Woodshop
Fee: \$35.00 - Time: 6:30-8:30 pm
Materials extra.

A touch of Tiffany. Every student will make several pieces during the course of this class, and will know and understand the basics of cutting, grinding, foiling, and soldering stained glass.

Instructor: Charles Willette

AEROBICS
Location: GHS Cafeteria
Fee: \$30.00 - Time: 6-7 pm

Exercise with this 60-minute workout. Work your body and shape up for the summer. Classes are held Tuesday and Thursday at 5:30 pm. Bring a mat or towel, beginners welcome.

Instructor: Mari Ann Henlon

Tuesday - February 6, 1996
7 - 8 pm

INDOOR TENNIS
Location: GHS Cafeteria
Fee: \$30.00

Learn how to play tennis indoors. Classes teach you the basics, so you are ready when the courts are dry. Bring a racket and balls. Classes are held Tuesday and Thursday at 7 pm, beginners welcome.

Instructor: Mari Ann Henlon

INTRODUCTION TO COMPUTERS II
Location: ALC Room L-2
Fee: \$50.00
Time: 6-10 pm

This course is a 15-week course on computer usage. The basic objective is to further students' independent use of computer applications.

Instructor: Mel Lucksted

Wednesday - February 7, 1996
6:30 - 9:30 pm

WOODCARVING
Location: GHS Woodshop
Fee: \$35.00
Materials extra

Students in the class can expect to complete a full size, smooth, easily painted duck decoy in the class. Most supplies can be purchased through the instructor or a craft shop. A list of supplies needed will be covered the first night of the class.

INTRODUCTION TO COMPUTERS - WORDPERFECT
Location: ALC - Room L-2
Fee: \$50.00
Time: 6-10 pm

This course will be an introduction to the WordPerfect application program. Other aspects will be the development of in-depth applications for the Microsoft Works program.

Instructor: Mel Lucksted

OIL PAINTING
Location: GHS Art Room
Fee: \$35.00 - Time: 7-9 pm.

We will study basic concepts such as color wheel shading techniques, and proportion techniques. Advanced students will find a relaxed atmosphere for individual painting.

Instructor: Penny Sendek

Thursday - February 8, 1996
6-10 pm

INTRODUCTION TO COMPUTERS
Location: ALC Room L-2
Fee: \$50.00

This course is a 15-week introductory course to computer usage. The basic objective is to acquaint students with an application program which will perform spreadsheet, database, and word processing tasks. Specifically the Microsoft Works program will be used, with the South-Western book Microsoft Works Tutorial and Applications used as the classroom text.

Instructor: Mel Lucksted

Saturday
March 9, 16, & 23, 1996
9 am - 5 pm

UKRAINIAN EGG DECORATING
Fee: \$35.00
Per session with lunch

Ukrainian egg decorating will be offered to area residents, beginning in March. The history of the egg and how to do them, as well as acquiring the tools of the trade, will be offered in this course. Each class session is limited to 15 participants, at \$30 per session. Sign-up deadline is two weeks prior to the course.

Instructor: Marjorie Len

TALL TIMBER TALES

By Mark Stormzand

Going to extremes

I dipped the ladle into the bucket and poured the cool water onto the rocks. There was an immediate explosion of steam rising from the stove. I took a second ladle of water and threw it up to the ceiling directly above the stove. The arched path of the water made a waterfall, creating many tiny explosions as the water droplets fell onto the stove. Dropping the ladle into the bucket, I climbed up onto the bench and headed to the corner closest to the stove. Feeling the surging heat from the steam, I brought my legs to my chest and buried my head between my knees and chest making it easier to breathe. As the heat waves rolled past me, I could feel my body relaxing and the sweat starting to pour. The tiny droplets were falling from the ceiling at a slower pace, making individual hisses and explosions. These sounds were magnified in this small 8x8 room, and were mesmerizing. As the intense heat abated, I lifted my head and leaned back against the cedar log wall. Directly across from where I sat huddled in the corner, I could see the candle flickering through the small window. The frost pattern on the window made the flame dance each time the wind blew. How pleasant this is, I thought to myself, how very pleasant. The heat soothed the body, the sounds relaxed the mind, and the smell of the wet cedar and wood smoke logged in my memory forever. This was the magic of our sauna.

Reaching for support against the log wall, I lowered myself off the bench and grabbed the ladle and repeated the process of throwing water on the rocks and ceiling. Again, I crawled back into the corner and was hit with a blast of hot steam. The sauna was particularly hot tonight, and after working outside all day in bitter-cold weather, it felt wonderful. I stretched out on the bench, putting my hands behind my head, and watched the candle dance again. Doing this reminded me of the night many years ago when my family and I were introduced to Sven, the sauna mouse. My son was sitting in the opposite corner talking to me when all of a

sudden he stopped talking and pointed to the wall next to my head. Turning my head, I could see the shadow of a large creature on the log wall. Looking back to the window, I pointed and started laughing. There, on the outside shelf, was a mouse walking back and forth in front of the flame. We instantly named him Sven; and each time we had a sauna, we hoped he would show up. The whole family got into the act. And for several years during our saunas, we would tell "Sven, the sauna mouse" stories, waiting for him to make his grand appearance. We always had cats and every once in a while we would see the big hulking shadow of a lion cross the sauna walls. We, therefore, concluded that we had several generations of Sven, the sauna mouse.

The heat had finally gotten to me, so I climbed off the bench and opened the door. The cold, sub-zero temperature felt as wonderful as the heat had a few minutes before. I ran around the corner of the sauna and jumped into the freshly-fallen snow. My body sank into about a foot of powder as I rolled down the slight incline. Giving out a 'whoop' I got to my feet and headed back to the sauna. I crawled back in my corner and felt the rush of the heat. The snow which had stuck to me, quickly melted into cold streams of water which ran down my body. A feeling of a thousand needles pricked my skin as the cold snow evaporated. My head started to feel light and a calm feeling came over me. I could feel the stress of the day fade away, and it was grand. I lay down on the cedar bench and a complete feeling of relaxation came over me.

According to many ancient cultures of the world, I had just cleansed and purified my body and mind. The idea of using heat or moisture to cleanse the body has been around for thousands of years. Heat bathing was used by the Greeks, Romans, Turks, Russians, Mayans, Japanese and Native Americans, in various forms of dry or steam baths. Today, when we think of saunas, we think of Finland. In fact, the sauna ritual plays a very important role in the Finnish culture. To the

Finns, the sauna is much more than just sitting in a sweat box. It is a period of physical and mental renewal, a moment for quiet and reflection, and a way of life for the entire culture. Life was hard in early Scandinavia, and the winters were long. From plentiful woods, the sauna evolved as a way to cleanliness and renewed strength as everyone, young and old, were able to focus on the sauna for periodic escape from the hardships of life. The sauna is so deeply ingrained into the Finnish culture, that during World War II, the Finnish army built saunas wherever they stayed. Even today, their army uses portable saunas as a normal piece of field equipment.

The heat finally got to me, so I rolled off the bench, opened the door and waded through the snow to a hammock which was stretched between two maple trees. What an odd site this might have been to a non-sauna taker. A thinly-clad man, laying in a hammock with snow all around, swaying back and forth, watching the stars as if it were a warm summer night. In fact, it was January, and the temperature was minus 8. But, the frigid, cold air felt comfortable after the hot sauna. Swaying in the hammock, I watched the white smoke rise from the sauna chimney on this cold, windless, starry night. The stars always seem so much brighter and closer on these cold nights. Years ago, while building the sauna chimney, I had selected stones from the stone piles which were scattered about our 40 acres. These piles were made by early immigrants who attempted to farm this poor soil. I hoped if I put the stones to good use, the farmers who wrestled them from the earth would not mind.

Now, the cold was too much. So, I dashed back to the sauna. With a splash of water and the hiss of the steam, I was back in my corner. When water is thrown on hot rocks in the sauna, it creates an invisible heat, which is immediately felt as "stinging moisture." This is the essence of the sauna, and the Finns call it "loily." Sitting in the corner enjoying the loily, I started thinking about the early immigrants who settled our 40 acres and struggled with those rocks. How ironic it was that their labors of pulling the rocks from the field supplied me with materials with which to relax. I do hope they had their own form of loily.

Mark Stormzand is a forester for Weyerhaeuser Co. in both Grayling and Cheboygan, writing this column to inform and entertain the public on forestry related issues.

Assembly of God Church hosts area youth rally

A youth rally will be held Saturday, Feb. 3, at 7 p.m. for all youth and friends at the Grayling Assembly of God Church.

Featured will be Kirk Mortensen, a former lead singer and guitarist of a heavy-metal band. Susan Cruz, morning DJ for WMUZ in Detroit, and Dr. Don VerHulst II, MD of naturopathic medicine will also share.

Pastor Ron Voelker said that Mortensen ministered in song at the

church in November of last year, and has a powerful music ministry for Jesus Christ. He also said that Mortensen will tell how he was delivered and called out of that music industry, and how it is twisting and perverting today's youth.

All youth and friends are invited to attend the rally. The church is located on the I-75 Business Loop. For more information, call the church at 348-8885.

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Christiane Straight of Houghton Lake, Taylor, Jan. 18, 1996, 7 pounds, 2 ounces.

BITS OF TALK

By Fay Bovee

Tom Hatfield of Rockford, son of Howard and Louise Hatfield of Grayling, underwent a liver transplant operation at the University of Michigan Hospital, Ann Arbor, on Jan. 23. At this writing, he was doing well. His address is U of M Hospital, Floor 5C, Room 5145, Ann Arbor, MI 48109, in case you would like to send him a card.

Come one...come all... to the CASD Explorers of Art and Science Fair

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steps for the scientific process to develop your science fair entry.

Have fun! Show off your wonderful work at the fair on Feb. 24, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, at the Grayling Elementary School.

THE GARDEN CORNER

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So many varieties...so little space

One danger of browsing through seed and plant catalogs in midwinter is early onset of spring fever. Another is a feeling of being overwhelmed by all the varieties available to choose from.

"Beginning gardeners, especially, may have difficulty picking varieties to plant because they don't have the benefit of gardening experience," observed Mary McLellan, Master Gardener program coordinator at Michigan State University (MSU). "They don't have a list of proven favorites."

One source of information on recommended varieties is the local MSU Extension office. The folks there have lists of varieties that have been tested and found to give good results under Michigan growing conditions.

Something to watch for in seed catalogs and on seed packets is All-America Selections (AAS) award winners. To win an AAS award, a variety has to perform well in official AAS trial gardens all across the United States and Canada. Trial varieties are grown alongside proven varieties for comparison.

Though many of the recommended varieties are recent introductions, not all are "new and improved." Some garden staples have been around a long time. Connecticut Field pumpkins, for instance, go back to colonial times. Detroit red beets, New Yorker tomatoes, yellow crookneck squash, Mary Washington asparagus and Waltham butternut squash and Early Wakefield are other venerable varieties.

The information on seed packets and in catalog descriptions can help you make your selections, McLellan said.

"Look for references to disease resistance, usually indicated by letters such as VFN after the variety name," she advised.

VFN after the name of a tomato variety, for instance, indicates that the variety is resistant to Verticillium and Fusarium, two organisms in the soil that can cause plant disease, and nematodes, tiny plant parasitic worms.

"If a variety has built-in disease or pest resistance, the seed packet or catalog will say so," she said.

Other things to look for include days to maturity—approximately how long it will take to get from sowing seed or transplanting to harvest; and recommended uses—for fresh use, long-term storage or freezing, for instance.

Yield and growth habit—whether the plant grows as a compact clump or a sprawling vine, for instance—are other considerations, especially if space is limited and you want to get the greatest return from the space available.

Another source of information is other gardeners.

"If you neighbor has the sort of garden you aspire to have, ask what his or her favorite varieties are," McLellan suggests. "Though variety selection is just one step in growing a fantastic garden, it can make a big difference in the garden's potential productivity."

YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY

By Charles Tinsley, Cadillac Social Security Representative
Social Security kit answers youths' questions

A kit of materials designed to answer questions young people just entering the workforce may have about Social Security, is now available to high schools.

Young people looking forward to part-time jobs or graduating to a full-time job need to know about Social Security before they start earning a paycheck. They need to know the role the program plays in providing disability and survivors' protection during their working years, and retirement benefits in the future.

The kit is being provided to high school teachers to use in the classroom. It includes a video, factsheets, masters for transparencies, and a teacher's guide. Most teachers who use the kit reported that students felt better about Social Security once they knew more about it.

Young people are generally

surprised to find out that one out of every four female students and one out of every three male students are likely to die or become disabled before retirement. Or that almost 28 percent of the 43 million persons currently receiving Social Security benefits are under age 65.

Today's high school students will be tomorrow's workers paying the Social Security taxes that support the system. They need to know what they're paying for. In addition, they need to know enough about the program to use it effectively in their financial planning.

Teachers interested in the Social Security Teachers Kit should order by writing: Social Security Teachers Kit, P.O. Box 17743, Baltimore, Maryland 21235. Or fax, (410) 965-0696. Internet users can get the kit at <http://www.ssa.gov>.

HOMETOWN NEWS

Shanda Leigh Wilcox, granddaughter of John and Beverly Wilcox of Grayling, and daughter of Stanley and Liberty Wilcox of Maryland, has been officially selected as an All-American Scholar. Shanda received this honor by being considered one of the top students in North Carolina High School, by the faculty.

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RECEIVES SCHOLARSHIP—Kendra Palmer is the recipient of the National American Business Women's Association scholarship in the form of an outright grant for the fall '95 school year. Kendra is a senior at Alma College with a double major in history and political science, two of the most demanding departments on campus. The Grayling ABWA Chapter wishes to extend congratulations to Kendra on her success and the grant she received. We are proud of Kendra and her accomplishments.

Republican Lincoln Day Dinner to be held Feb. 10

The Crawford/Roscommon counties Republican Lincoln Day Dinner will be Saturday, Feb. 10, at the Houghton Lake Elks Club on M-55. Social hour will commence at 6 p.m., with dinner at 7 p.m., and the program will follow. Art Thayer, Crawford County Republican chairman, and Mike VanWoermer, Roscommon County Republican chairman, will co-chair the event.

The main speaker for the evening will be Ronna Romney, candidate for the Republican nomination for U.S. Senator. Also, on the program will be State Senator George McManus, State Representatives Allen Lowe and John Gemaat, and staff persons for U.S. Senator Spencer Abraham and Congressman Dave Camp, both of whom have commitments at events in

other counties. The master of ceremonies will be John Smietanka, the 1994 Republican nominee for Michigan attorney general.

The menu for the dinner will be two meats, potato, vegetable, salad, rolls and butter, and coffee/tea. There will also be a cash bar. Tickets at \$12.50 per person are available from Kathy Black, Bruce Bretzke, D. J. Brown, Tyke Golinick, R. J. Hannan, John Hartman, Jerry Hayes, Brian Hulbert, Keith Kenney, Jeanette Kitchen, Dennis Long, Mary Ruth Lowe, Dave Lovely, Bob McLachlan, Joann Michal, Sandy Moore, Arnold Stancil, George Stancil and Thayer, or by calling 348-7253.

A good competition is building up between the two county committees to see which one can sell the most tickets.

Local hospice takes on new name

Hospice with Loving Care in Roscommon and Grayling has changed its name to Hospice of Michigan, reflecting its status as part of a statewide hospice program.

"Hospice of Michigan comprises 11 community hospice programs throughout the Lower Peninsula of Michigan. They provide home-based care and support to people with terminal illness and their families. All are likely to start using the Hospice of Michigan name later this year," said Anne Richardson of Grayling, president of the local advisory board.

"We had to change our name because of a legal filing omission dating back to 1994. Although this saddens us, we believe in the long run, there will be advantages to what seems to be a negative," Richardson said. "As a program that has always enjoyed strong community support, we are sure everyone will agree."

"Nothing about Hospice is changing except the name," stressed program director Sandra Jackson. "We will continue to provide the same intensive, compassionate care we have always

provided, with the same skilled and loving group of staff and volunteers," she said. "We will continue to be based in the communities we serve."

All funds raised in hospice's service area will remain in the area, where they will be used to enhance patient care and grief support services in this community, Jackson added.

"Being part of Hospice of Michigan gave us the resources we needed to improve the quality of the care we provide and to grow," Jackson said. The number of Hospice of Michigan patients served daily in Roscommon, Crawford and surrounding counties grew from nine to 30 during fiscal 1995, an increase of 230 percent.

Last year, Hospice of Michigan opened a work site in Grayling, to provide more efficient service to residents of Crawford County.

For more information about hospice services, patient referral or volunteer opportunities, call Hospice of Michigan's Roscommon office at (517) 275-8967, or in Grayling, (517) 348-8987.

HOMETOWN NEWS

Juliane Andrew, a 3-year employee of Clinton Memorial Hospital, was named Employee of the Month for January, by her peers.

Andrew was hired in October 1992, as a part-time housekeeper, a position she currently holds. She is a graduate of Grayling High School. She worked at Grayling Mercy Hospital in the housekeeping department before her marriage in 1975.

Andrew lives in St. Johns with her husband, Gene, and five children, Nicholas, Christopher, Robert, Tiffany and Mary Ann. Her parents are John and Beverly Wilcox of Grayling.

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Community enrichment classes offered

The Crawford AuSable Adult, Alternative and Community Education office will once again be offering community enrichment classes this spring. A wide variety of classes are available.

Beginning Genealogy will start on Monday, Feb. 5, at Grayling High School in room A-6, from 7 to 9 p.m. This class will be a basic guide to the novice researcher, and will be taught by Shelley Hubbard. Cost is \$35.

Woodshop classes will also begin on Monday, Feb. 5, in the Grayling High School woodshop room from 7 to 9 p.m. Here's a chance to work on a special project under the guidance of the skilled instructor, Bob Prause. Cost for this class is \$35, with materials extra.

First Aid/CPR will start on Monday, Feb. 5, at Grayling High School in room A-9, from 7 to 9 p.m. Class enrollment is limited to 12. Upon completion, participants will receive an American Heart Association CPR and First-Aid certificate card. This class will be taught by Karen Lozon. Cost is \$35, materials extra.

Introduction to Computers (Microsoft Works) will begin on Monday, Feb. 5, from 6 to 10 p.m., at the Adult Learning Center. The basic objective of this class is to acquaint students with an application program which will perform spreadsheet, database, and word processing tasks, using the Microsoft Works program. Cost of this class is \$50, and will be taught by Mel Lucksted.

Starting Tuesday, Feb. 6, Dried Flower Arranging will be offered under the direction of E. Dawson, A.I.F.D., at Flowers By Josie. There is a \$35 fee for this class, with materials extra.

Stained Glass will start Feb. 6, at the Grayling High School woodshop from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Every student will make several pieces during this course, under the direction of Charles Wilkue. Cost for this class is \$35, with materials

extra.

Aerobics will begin on Feb. 6, at Grayling High School. Participants will work their body and shape up for summer. Classes will be held on Tuesday and Thursday at 6 p.m. Bring a mat or towel. Mari Ann Henion will be the instructor. Cost for this class is \$30.

Indoor Tennis will begin Feb. 6, at Grayling High School. Learn how to play tennis indoors. Classes teach you the basics, so you are all ready when the courts are dry. Bring a racket and balls. Classes are held Tuesday and Thursday at 7 p.m., beginners welcome. Cost for the class is \$30.

Introduction to Computers II (Microsoft Works) will begin Feb. 6, from 6 to 10 p.m., and will further students' independent use of computer applications. Cost for the course is \$50, and will be taught by Mel Lucksted.

Oil Painting will be held in the Grayling High School art room from 7 to 9 p.m. This class will study basic concepts such as color-wheel shading techniques and proportion techniques.

Advanced students will find a relaxed atmosphere for individual painting. This class begins on Wednesday, Feb. 7, under the direction of Penny Sendek. Cost for this class is \$35, with materials extra.

Woodcarving will be held on Wednesday evenings, beginning Feb. 7, at Grayling High School, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Cost of the class is \$35, plus materials. The instructor will be Joy A. Yax. Participants will complete a full-size, smooth, easily-painted duck decoy in the class.

Introduction to Computers—WordPerfect will begin Feb. 7, from 6 to 10 p.m. at the Adult Learning Center and will be an introduction to the WordPerfect application program, taught by Mel Lucksted. Cost for the course is \$50.

Introduction to Computers I

(Microsoft Works) will acquaint students with an application program which will perform spreadsheet, database, and word processing tasks. Class begins Thursday, Feb. 8, from 6 to 10 p.m., at the Adult Learning Center, and will be taught by Mel Lucksted.

Ukrainian Egg Decorating will be offered to area residents, beginning in March. The history of the egg and how to do them, as well as acquiring the tools of the trade, will be offered in this course. Each class session is limited to 15 participants, at \$35 per session, with lunch. Sign-up deadline is two weeks prior to the course, with a class set for March 9, 16 and 23. Instructor will be Marjorie Len.

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Local student selected for 'Who's Who'

Anthony Henning of Grayling, a student in Ferris State University's College of Business, recently was selected for inclusion in the 1996 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges."

Students are chosen for listing in the annual directory by campus nominating committees and directory editors on the basis of academic achievements, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success.

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Statement of Resources and Liabilities		Thousands of dollars
ASSETS		
1. Cash and balances due from depository institutions:		
a. Noninterest-bearing balances and currency and coin	3,570	
b. Interest-bearing balances	0	
2. Securities	27,208	
3. Federal funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell in domestic offices of the bank and of its Edge and Agreement subsidiaries, and in IBFs	2,550	
4. Loans and lease financing receivables:		
a. Loans and leases, net of unearned income	33,664	
b. LESS: Allowance for loan and lease losses	733	
c. LESS: Allocated transfer risk reserve	0	
d. Loans and leases, net of unearned income, allowance, and reserve	32,931	
5. Assets held in trading accounts	0	
6. Premises and fixed assets (including capitalized leases)	602	
7. Other real estate owned	0	
8. Investments in unconsolidated subsidiaries and associated companies	0	
9. Customers' liability to this bank on acceptances outstanding	0	
10. Intangible assets	0	
11. Other assets	880	
12. Total assets	67,741	

LIABILITIES		
13. Deposits:		
a. In domestic offices	60,795	
(1) Noninterest-bearing	8,708	
(2) Interest-bearing	52,087	
b. In foreign offices, Edge and Agreement subsidiaries, and in IBFs	0	
(1) Noninterest-bearing	0	
(2) Interest-bearing	0	
14. Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase in domestic offices of the bank and of its Edge and Agreement subsidiaries, and in IBFs	0	
15. Demand notes issued to the U.S. Treasury	0	
16. Other borrowed money	0	
17. Mortgage indebtedness and obligations under capitalized leases	0	
18. Bank's liability on acceptances executed and outstanding	0	
19. Notes and debentures subordinated to deposits	0	
20. Other liabilities	195	
21. Total liabilities	60,990	
22. Limited-life preferred stock	0	

EQUITY CAPITAL		
23. Perpetual preferred stock	0	
24. Common stock	750	
25. Surplus	2,370	
26. Undivided profits and capital reserves	3,577	
27. Cumulative foreign currency translation adjustments	0	
28. Total equity capital	6,751	
29. Total liabilities, limited-life preferred stock, and equity capital	67,741	
30. Memoranda - Deposits of State of Michigan	70	

I, J. Elaine Sweeney, Vice-President and Cashier, of the above-named bank do hereby declare that this report of condition has been prepared in conformance with the applicable instructions, and is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

J. Elaine Sweeney

We, the undersigned directors, attest the correctness of this report of condition and declare that it has been examined by us and to the best of our knowledge and belief has been prepared in conformance with the applicable instructions and is true and correct.

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IN THE SPIRIT OF GIVING--Clarence Papendick, Past Master of Grayling Masonic Lodge #356 F&AM, presents a donation check to Gerry Schroeder, Director of the Crawford County Community Christian Help Center.

The donation was made possible through the efforts of the Grayling Lodge and the Michigan Masonic Foundation.

TaxTips

Change in marital status

Question: I got married in November. What will my filing status be on my 1995 tax return? Will I be considered married because I was married at the end of the year, or will I be considered single because I was single for the majority of the year?

Answer: You'll be considered a married taxpayer for 1995. Your marital status for tax purposes is determined as of the final day of the tax year, meaning you'll need to choose between filing a joint return or filing separate returns.

It will be best to compute your tax both ways for comparison, and then select the filing status that results in the lower combined tax liability. You and your spouse should each review your Forms W-4 filed with your employers, to adjust your tax withholding to reflect your new situation.

RANGE FIRING

Range firing will be conducted at Camp Grayling in the following areas:
The Range 40 Complex, Air to Ground, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Rd. 618, and west of County Rd. P97 (Twin Bridge Rd). Firing will begin on Jan. 31 through Feb. 3, and Feb. 6 through Feb. 7.

Interlochen students present powerful play

A powerful, haunting memory play will be presented on the Interlochen campus Feb. 2-4, by the Interlochen Arts Academy Theatre Arts Division. "And They Dance Real Slow In Jackson" by James Leonard, Jr. is a moving portrait of the agonies inflicted on a young crippled girl growing up in a small, and small-minded, Indiana town.

The production will be presented in the new Phoenix Theatre Friday and Saturday, Feb. 2 and 3, at 8 p.m., with a Sunday matinee at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$4 for students 18 and under. The play contains some adult language. For information, contact the Interlochen Box Office at

(616) 276-6230.

The play is the winner of the American College Theatre Festival Award and has been called by the *Washington Tribune*, "a showcase for exceptional acting, clever and effective staging and forceful dialogue."

Director of the play, theatre arts instructor Robin Ellis, says it has a strong message.

"There is an interesting correlation to be made between the polio epidemic in this country in the 1950s, and the current AIDS outbreak," said Ellis. "Both groups have been treated as outcasts."

"And They Dance Real Slow In Jackson" is Jim Leonard's first play.

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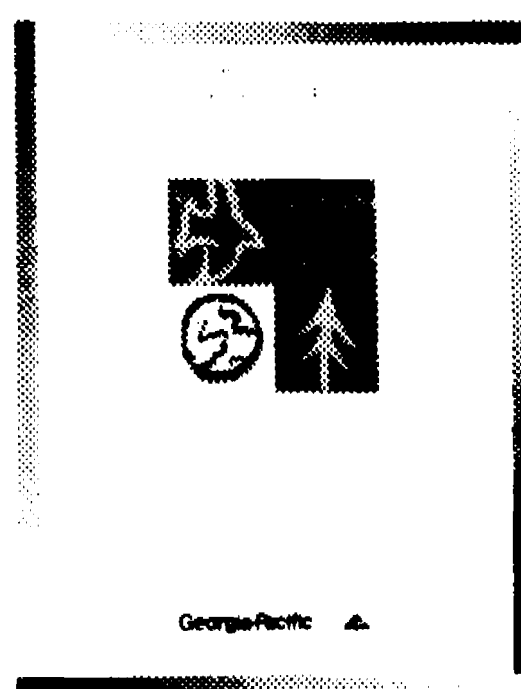


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Section B Crawford County Avalanche

Thursday, February 1, 1996

The Winter Wolf Festival and Challenge, the oldest winter festival in Michigan, is over for another year. As the community kicks back and relaxes after the busy weekend, the *Crawford County Avalanche* offers a glimpse back at some of the weekend highlights.

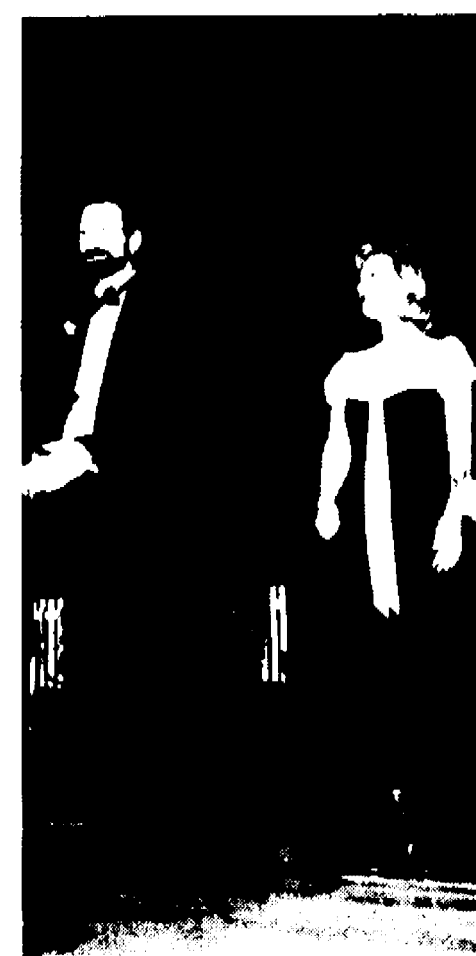
Grayling High School was chosen as Grayling Program Director presents Brunskill the program on Sat-First Runner-up was Second Runner-up Jurkovich. The start Wolf Challenge's is the next photo, with Brian Stauffer shown in corner. Grayling Junior Fene and Wayne Hindmarsh.

the finish of the kayak leg of the Winter Wolf Challenge, First Runner-up Ann Becks, Chili Cook-off 1st and 2nd place winner Mercy Hospital and warming up before the start of the Winter Wolf Challenge at Ray's Fly Factory.



Junior Kate Brunskill Junior Miss 1996. Sandy Moore with her sash at urday, Jan. 27. Ann Becks. was Jennifer of the Winter nordic ski event the overall winner, the bottom right Miss emcees Deanna Larry Kanaby paddles to

Winter Wolf Challenge, First Runner-up Ann Becks, Chili Cook-off 1st and 2nd place winner Mercy Hospital and warming up before the start of the Winter Wolf Challenge at Ray's Fly Factory.



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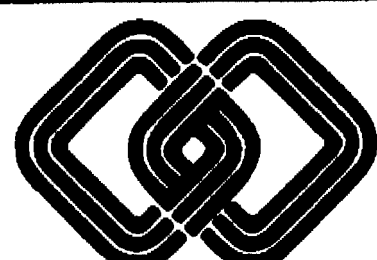
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Viking skiers win at Boyne Mountain

The Vikings boys ski team put together a slalom race results and did it impressively. They scored the perfect 10 points, taking 1st through 4th places against Charlevoix and Kalkaska.

On Thursday, Jan. 25, the Viking girls ski team place 2nd out of the three teams.

Team scores for the Grayling boys were Vikings 26, Kalkaska 64, and Charlevoix 99. The Grayling girls results were Vikings 53, Kalkaska 67 and Charlevoix 42.

Ryan Schlehuber led the boys in both events, placing 1st in both races. Travis Hopp was 3rd in the slalom and 4th in the giant slalom. Colin Hunter placed 4th in the slalom and 5th in the giant slalom. Josh Mueller finished 6th and 7th, Jason Steele was 3rd in the slalom and 14th in the giant slalom with Eric Thompson being disqualified in the slalom, but finishing 6th in the giant slalom.

"Our boys have been fast in slalom most of the year," said Coach Mike

Wieland. "We just haven't been putting the mandatory four racers down the hill all at the same time. They skied well as a team, and hopefully it will continue."

The girls had slalom problems as two racers were disqualified.

"Our number 3 and 4 girls disqualified and that put a lot of pressure on two freshmen, Katie Olson and Brooke Ginther," said Wieland. "They did a good job keeping it close in slalom skiing. Under pressure to ski fast, but still standing."

The top finisher for the girls was Erin Welke placing 2nd in the slalom and 4th in the giant slalom. Katie Olson placed 6th in the slalom and 2nd in the giant slalom. Jessica Wyss placed 8th in both races. Jennifer Jurkovich and Kim Hartman disqualified in the slalom and placed 10th and 11th in the giant slalom. Brooke Ginther finished 13th in the slalom and Amanda Febey finished 15th in the giant slalom.



AT BOYNE MOUNTAIN--Grayling Viking skiers Erin Welke (L) and Jessica Wyss practice for their upcoming competition at a recent ski meet at Boyne Mountain.

Skiers race at Crystal Mt.

After a week of warm weather and exams, the Viking skiers got right back into cold weather and racing Friday afternoon, Jan. 19, at Crystal Mountain, southwest of Traverse City.

Host Manistee, Glen Lake and Charlevoix met the Vikings and defeated the girls ski team, with the boys finishing 2nd in the giant slalom and dropping to 3rd again after a poor slalom effort, said Coach Mike Wieland.

The girls team was once again led by Erin Welke with 12th and 14th place finishes in the slalom and giant slalom. Katie Olson had one of her better meets as the freshman placed 14th and 15th out of 24 racers. Jessica Wyss had the Vikings best finish for the girls with 9th place in the slalom. She lost a ski in the giant slalom and was disqualified.

The boys team was in 2nd place behind Manistee after the giant slalom and just couldn't get four racers to put two good runs together in the slalom, said Coach Wieland.

The top combined racer was Travis Hopp placing 6th in the slalom and 7th in the giant slalom. Jason Steele finished 8th in the slalom and 9th in the giant slalom. Ryan Schlehuber was

the top finisher for the team with 3rd place in the giant slalom. He was disqualified from the slalom for losing a ski. Ben Labo, racing in his first meet of the year due to an ankle injury early in the season, placed 14th in the slalom and 12th in the giant slalom.

"It was a tough week for the kids with exams, warm weather and then the cold snap and bad winds," said Coach Wieland. "Most of them were just not ready to race."



LOCAL STUDENTS ARE ONCE AGAIN ABLE TO LEARN TO SKI — The free skiing program at Hanson Hills Recreation Area is once again under way for the 4th and 5th grade students of the Crawford AuSable School District.

"It's really a great program to help kids learn to ski," said Cindy Olson (C), director of the Grayling Recreation Authority (GRA), which offers the program. Kids are bussed three days a week for five weeks to Hanson Hills to take part in the program. This year over 150 kids are signed up for lessons.

Pictured above is Ron Hall (L) of the Grayling Youth Booster Club and Arnold Bader (R) of the Grayling Rotary Club presenting Olson with checks to help support the free skiing program. Not present was a representative of CASD, which provides transportation.

Cardinals defeat Viking netters

The Viking netters had an off night on Wednesday, Jan. 24 against Whittemore Prescott Cardinals losing 9-15, 8-15 and 0-15.

Grayling's serving and serve reception was off, which didn't allow them to establish the attack momentum that generally is the Viking's strength, said

Coach Rebecca Brown.

"Although they lack an overpowering offense, the Cardinals are patient and work well to keep the ball in play," said Brown.

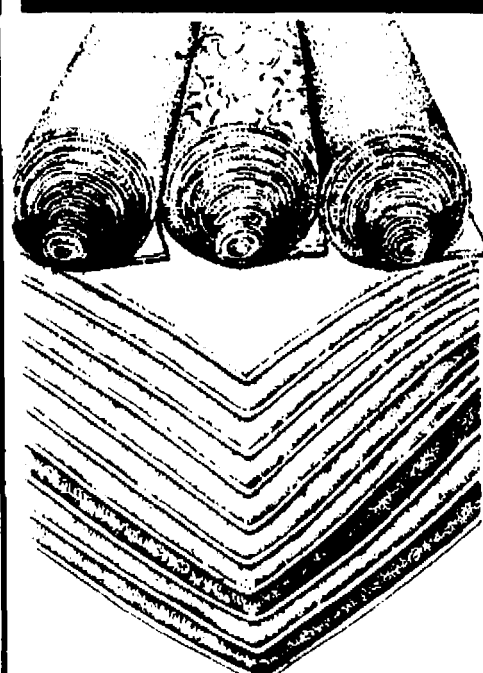
Amy Neal did spark a Viking run in the second game with a series of blocks, but Grayling didn't maintain the serve. Despite a disappointing night, Coach Brown still believes in her team's potential.

"There is so much talent on this team and I know these players really want to showcase those abilities," said Brown. "We have to keep working hard and working together. When we do, we'll be able to compete with anyone."

Neal led the Vikings in passes, tips and blocking with 23 passes and nine blocks and tips. Monica Lawrence contributed 11 spikes, seven serves, and 20 passes. Erin Smith helped the Viking effort with five spikes, nine serves, four blocks and 15 passes. Jessica St.Germain came in with two blocks and three spikes, as well as seven serves.

The netters game against Kalkaska on the 29th was cancelled due to inclement weather. The netters will take to the court again on Monday, Feb. 5 when they host Charlevoix.

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Bucks, Hurons outshoot Vikings

By Terry Wright
News Editor

The Grayling Viking boys' basketball team lost to the Roscommon Bucks last Tuesday by a 59-51 score. On Friday, the Vikings dropped a Huron Division game at Rogers City by a 76-56 score.

Versus Rogers City the Vikings fell behind in the first quarter, scoring only two points, and could never recover.

Leading the Vikings in scoring were senior Joe Godlewski with 18 points and junior Brad Larm with 12 points. Senior Corey Northrop added 13 assists and senior Scott Hartman pulled down eight rebounds.

Also scoring for the Vikings were Hartman with nine points, junior David Sabin with six, Northrop added five and senior Jason Thompson and junior Eddie Baynam each had three points.

"We played great defense the first three quarters of the game," Viking Coach Rich Moffit said. "But down the stretch we had to foul which helped to create the 20-point deficit."

The Vikings are now sitting in the middle of the Great Northern

Conference, Huron Division pack with a 2-2 record. Rogers City and Alcona lead the conference with 3-1 records. Whittemore-Prescott is tied with Grayling and Onaway, with an 0-4 record has yet to win its first conference game.

At home against the Bucks, the Vikings led going into the final quarter but were outscored by a 19-10 margin.

Moffit said, "We played very well in the first quarter. Our defense created some easy scoring opportunities. Defensively we played well, however, we missed some easy layups with the game on the line. We can't miss easy shots and still expect to win."

"Another factor," Moffit said, "was our inability to get to the free-throw line. Roscommon shot 33 free throws to our six."

Godlewski led the Viking scorers with 23 points, followed by Larm with 12 and senior Chris Kucharek with six. Northrop and Hartman each added four points and Thompson scored two.

Northrop added nine assists, Kucharek had 11 rebounds and Godlewski stole the ball five times.



DRIVING THE BASKET--Viking senior Chris Kucharek drives toward the basket in the Grayling versus Whittemore-Prescott game. Whittemore took the contest by a 76-56 score.

Photo by Tom Haskel

Viking Wrestlers take 6th out of 20

Kniss loses first match of season

By Terry Wright
News Editor

The Grayling Viking wrestling squad closed out its dual-meet season at Mancelona on Thursday, Jan. 25, with victories over Mancelona and Kalkaska. On Saturday, Jan. 27, the Vikings finished sixth in the 20-team Northwest Michigan Championship (NMC), tournament in Gaylord.

Petoskey won the NMC with 242 points, followed by Whittemore-Prescott (181.5), Ogemaw Heights (172.5), Gladstone (149.5), Oscoda (133) and Grayling scoring 116.5 points.

Four Vikings scored second place

finishes including senior Dale Kniss wrestling at 215 pounds suffered his first defeat of the season losing to a Whittemore opponent he had previously beaten five times. Kniss' overall record now stands at 32-1. Other Vikings finishing second were sophomore Dave Shepherd at 119 pounds (19-4), junior Eddie Davis at 125 pounds (30-4) and sophomore Ben Malonen at 130 pounds (28-11).

Finishing fifth were juniors Jason Hall at 135 pounds (27-6), and Josh Taylor at 140 pounds (9-3).

At Mancelona, the Vikings showed no mercy trouncing the Mancelona Ironmen by a 53-30 score, then

repeating the performance with a 54-30 victory over the Kalkaska Blue Blazers.

Winning both matches for the Vikes were junior Dana Beckwith at 103 pounds, Shepherd, Davis, Malonen, Hall, Taylor, sophomore Nate Niederer at 152 pounds and Kniss.

Winning one were freshmen Charles DesMoines at 145 pounds and Jason Dashed wrestling in the heavyweight division.

The Vikings have compiled a 11-6 dual-meet record this season. For Viking Coach Don Ferguson it marks the 23rd year in a 24-year coaching career that his teams have given him

winning records.

Ferguson will take his team to the Whittemore-Prescott Invitational tournament this weekend. The following weekend Whittemore will host the Great Northern Conference championships.

Local turkey federation chapter plan annual fundraiser auction/dinner

The Beaver Creek National Wild Turkey Federation will host its annual banquet/auction on Saturday, Feb. 10 at the Grayling Holiday Inn.

Tickets include the price of membership. A single ticket is \$45, with spouse \$60. Social hour begins at 6 p.m., with the dinner program beginning at 7:30 p.m. Door prizes, silent auction, raffles and the live auction will begin at 8:30 p.m.

The banquet/auction is the major fundraiser of the organization. The local chapter uses the money raised to support projects, including feeding programs.

The Beaver Creek chapter is currently feeding approximately 25 wintering turkey flocks in Crawford and Roscommon counties. The average flock size is 50 birds, with a couple flocks reaching the 150-175 size.

"If old man winter doesn't continue to dish out much more snow or the

temperatures drop to sub-zero for an extended period, the birds should still fair pretty well," said Brian McPhail, vice president of the Beaver Creek chapter.

The chapter feeds shelled corn, and has went through approximately seven tons of corn this year. Glen's slips and cash donations would be appreciated, said McPhail.

There are four million wild turkeys in North America, an increase of two million between 1980 and 1992. In the U.S., there are 1.9 million turkey hunters, according to license sales information supplied by the state fish and wildlife agencies. In the past 20 years, the number of turkeys harvested has seen a 434 percent increase.

For more information about the banquet or to make a donation, contact Gary Willoughby at 348-8485 or Brian McPhail at 275-4113.



LOCAL GUN WINNERS FROM 1995 TURKEY FEDERATION BANQUET-- Pictured are (L to R) Joanne Borkowski and Brian Anderson.

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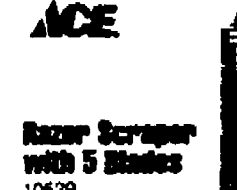





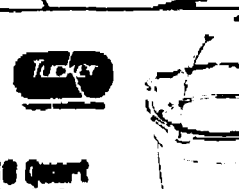

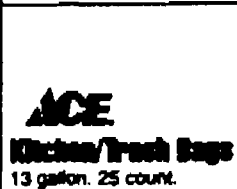
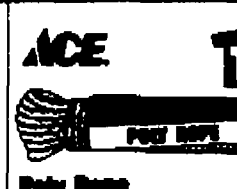


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Winter Wolf Festival downhill ski race results

The weekend of the Winter Wolf brought many exciting racing events to Hanson Hills. The GSB downhill racing clinic shifted gears and held the "all ages" race on Saturday. The winds and blowing snow did not dampen the spirit of the racers, young and not so young.

In the kindergarten group, Rachel Doremire took first for the girls, Rocky McNamara was first for the boys. In the first- and second-grade group, Jill Seager took first, Jessica Thomson second. Once again, Andrew Hart took home the first-place for the boys. In the third- and fourth-grade girls' group, Jodi Riddle took first, Nichole Doremire second, and Mallory Olson third. The third- and fourth-grade boys had a big turnout, Joey Highlen finished first followed by Zach VanNuck second, Matt Seager third, Eric Olson fourth, Alex McNamara fifth, Paul Montagne sixth, Jimmy Jansen seventh, Trevor Clough eighth, and Kyle Trudgeon ninth.

In the fifth- and sixth-grade girls' group Andrea Alvarez skied her way into the first-place finish, followed by Sasha Latuszek second, Britini Baker third, Jenna Bugyi fourth, and Becky Call fifth. Kiel Clough was right on track for another first place, followed by Eric Hart second, Damien Fleischmann third, and Jason LaForge

fourth. The seventh- and eighth-grade boys were led by Luke Ames, first, Jason Boreo second, Geoff Montagne third, Matt Thomas fourth, Paul Jansen fifth, and Bradley Graham sixth. In the ninth- through 12th-grade girls group, Brooke Ginther finished first, followed by Krista Alef second, and Dawn Gauthier third. The boys were led by the speedster Ryan Schlehuber, followed by Ryan McLaughlan second, Jake Ames third, and Travis Potter fourth. Jessica McClain took first place in the 18- to 29-year-old group.

There were brave parents taking part in the 30+ group, Debbie Amies led the women, followed by Chris Seager and Vicki Hart. The men's group was led by Tony Thomson in first, Steve Seager second, and Jim Montagne third. With the weather conditions as they were, these parents gained a real respect for the work and effort the kids put into this racing program.

Sunday's event brought a different form of racing to the hill. Participants took part in an entertaining "obstacle course" race. Skiers worked hard to race over, under and through obstacles between the start and finish gates.

Rachel Doremire and Rocky McNamara placed first in the kindergarten group. The first- and second-grade girls were led by Jill

Seager. The boys were led by Kody Diola, followed by Zach Dean second, and Andrew Hart third. In the third- and fourth-grade girls group Allyson Diola finished first. Paul Montagne finished first for the boys, followed by Joey Highlen second, Matt Seager third, Patrick McNally fourth, Trevor Clough fifth, Jimmy Jansen sixth, and Alex McNamara seventh. The fifth- and sixth-grade girls were led by Britini Baker, followed by Andrea Alvarez. Ben McNally took home the first for the boys, followed by Justin Hanes second, Eric Hart third, Eric Hunter fourth, Chris McGuire fifth, Keil

Clough sixth, and Nate Mueller seventh. Katelyn Rosky took first for the seventh- and eighth-grade girls. In the boys, Jason Boreo took first with the fastest run of the day, followed by Geoff Montagne second, Eric Podjaske third, David Evens fourth, Anthony Jurkovich fifth and Jason May sixth. In the women's almost-30-and-over group, Julie Doremire finished first, followed by Chris Seager and Vicki Hart. Dave Burr led the men, followed by Thane Doremire second, Bob Dixon third, Bill Hart fourth, Steve Seager fifth, and Jim Montagne sixth. This event proved to be a nice change of pace for the participants and spectators.



DUMMY SKI RACES--The Seager family and the winning dummy skier they entered in the Winter Wolf Festival.

Knights of Columbus crown free-throw champions

Nine boys and girls, aged 10 to 14, were named local champions of the 1996 Knights of Columbus International Free-throw Championship and earned the right to compete at the district level. Grayling Council 1982 sponsored the local competition at the Grayling Middle School gym on Saturday, Jan. 13. All youngsters, ages 10 to 14, were eligible to participate.

Emily Henion was the 10-year-old girls' champion, and Adam Kaiser was winner of the 10-year-old boys' division. In the 11-year-old bracket of the competition, Jonah Ames was the girls' champion and Nate Frankina was the boys' champion. Twelve-year-old winners in the girls' and boys' divisions were Tabitha Harney and Justin Neuberger. The 13-year-old girls' division was won by Brandy Ritter and the boys' by Brad Gorski. Fourteen-year-old boy's winner was Ryan Gaffke. There were no girls that competed in this age bracket.

Local winners advanced to districts held on Jan. 20 at the Gaylord St. Mary's gym. Of the nine local winners competing, six won their divisions. In the 10-year-old bracket, both Henion and Kaiser were winners. Ames was the winner of the 11-year-old girl's division. For the 13-year-olds, both Ritter and Gorski were champions. Fourteen-year-old winner for the boys' was Gaffke.

These six finalists advance to the Knights of Columbus Free-throw Championship regionals. This event will be held at the Gaylord St. Mary's gym on Saturday, Feb. 10, at 10 a.m.

Winter Wolf Challenge results

Male Classic Division		Thomas Morncau		55:70:09
Brian Stauffer	38:37:73	Joe Bagby		57:33:61
Tom Cannon	41:62:53	Dan Sweeney		61:22:67
Larry Kanaby	42:14:54	John Sullivan		1:26:67:90
Cam Ward	46:75:71	Male Masters Division		
Steve Seager	47:89:09	Jan Stuhlmann		61:31:74
Kyle Miller	50:16:14	Female Classic Division		
John Webb	50:37:97	Connie Cannon		45:40:39
		Gretchen Reiser		53:33:65
		Carrie Trudgeon		53:48:00
		Joan Thompson		76:59:54
		Cynthia Zuccaro Becker		1:30:62:61
		Female Masters Division		
		Janet Stuhlmann		74:54:98
		Female Junior Division		
		Samara Sabin		71:50:72

POOL LEAGUE

Men's Pool League		January 22, 1996
Red Ham I		34:20
Plaza		30:24
Chief Shoppengon's		29:25
Frederic Inn		27:27
Spike's		25:29
Weyerhaeuser		23:13
Brokers		20:34
Frogies		14:22
Red Ham II		14:22
Women's Pool League		
Legion		53
Shoppengon's		53
Plaza		43
Spike's		43

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Viking of the week

Skating
Travis Hopp

Viking junior Travis Hopp finished higher than any other Viking placing 6th in slalom and 7th in giant slalom at Crystal Mountain.

Holiday Inn
Viking of the week

Volleyball
Erin Smith

Viking sophomore Erin Smith has been dedicated to hard work developing a strong serve. She has been very aggressive during court play.

Holiday Inn
Viking of the week

Basketball
Brad Larm

Viking junior Brad Larm has been very productive in scoring for the Vikings. In last week's competition, Larm averaged 12 points per game.

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Recreation League

Mickey Pares CPA	13-7
Schoer Motors	13-7
Cornell	12-8
Glen's Market	11-9
Mark's	10-10
Peterson Saw Service	8-12
Fun-N-Sun Rental	8-12
North Country R.V.	5-15
High Game: L. Krey, 204, G. Neilson, 196, B. Wheeler, 191. High Series: L. Krey, 529, G. Neilson, 491, N. Root, 488.	

Senior Citizen League

Bucilli's	47-29
Sylvester's	42-34
Toscan's Body Shop	39-37
Cornell's	39-37
Century 21	37-39
Baynham	35-41
Flowers by Josie	34-42
Larry & Joan's	31-45
Men's High Game: H. Ingram, 210, G. Wolfe, 201, D. Germain, 192. Men's High Series: P. Mead, 517, G. Wolfe, 514, D. Germain, 506.	
Women's High Game: D. Hall, 192, D. Mead, 182, A. Roman, 176. Women's High Series: D. Mead, 485, A. Roman, 459, D. Hall, 447.	

American Mens League

Fenton's Auto Service	24-4
McLeans Hardware	21-7
Stitches by Sue	14-14
Upper Lakes Tire	14-14
Auto Parts	13-15
BCT	9-19
Rod's Auto Body	9-19
Red Barn	8-20
High Game: M. Roshy, 235, G. Fenton, 226, P. Faustman, L. Davis, 222. High Series: G. Fenton, 617, L. Davis, 605, J. Helsel, 592.	

Thursday Coffee League

Johnson's Survey	16
Bucilli's	12
Lone Pine	11-5
Wakeley Auto Parts	9
AuSable Construction	8
Glen's Market	8
Shady Acres	8
Plaza Bar	7-5
High Game: E. Helsel, 232, S. Romain, 220, B. Helsel, 190. High Series: S. Romain, 569, E. Helsel, 564, B. Helsel, 493.	

Sunday Night Mixed Doubles

Us & Them	12-4
Mac's Drugs	12-4
M.A.D.S.	9-7
Glen's Market	9-7
CSI	7-9
Robideau Const.	6-10
All Seasons Drywall	5-11
Computer Services	4-12
Men's High Game: S. Miller, 255, L. Helsel, 232, R. Pyle, 217. Men's High Series: S. Miller, 589, R. Pyle, 543, M. Moery, 534.	
Women's High Game: N. Glasloe, 201, E. Helsel, 191, M. Hawkins, 184. Women's High Series: N. Glasloe, 519, M. Hawkins, 473, E. Helsel, 469.	

Pleaser League

Aunt Betty's	9-3
Eagles	8-4
Custom Interior	8-4
Chemical Bank	7-5
Avalanche	5-7
Merry Hospital	4-8
M&M Crafts	4-8
Millikin's	3-9
High Game: J. Hinds, 210, L. Golsnick, 207, J. Harland, 189. High Series: J. Hinds, 528, L. Golsnick, 507, S. France, 500.	

Friday Night Mixed Doubles

No Fear	18-6
Moshier Auto Repair	15-9
Cedar Motel	12-8
A.H. Rental & Repair	11-13
AJD	10-14
Aunt Betty's	9-15
A Bulldog Towing	9-15
Advance Collision	7-13
Men's High Game: B. Evon, 209, R. Moshier, 199, J. Golsnick, 190. Men's High Series: B. Evon, 544, J. Golsnick, 533, R. Moshier, 512.	
Women's High Game: Y. Schrieber, 198, S. Rioux, 170, C. Evon, K. Moshier, 165. Women's High Series: Y. Schrieber, 465, K. Moshier, 446, S. Rioux, 441.	

Northwood League

House of Cabinets	15
Millikin's	15
Subway	14
Rich's Cycle Service	13
Wakeley's Auto Parts	12
Patti's Towne House	11
Stitch-In-Time	11
Pearls & Lace	5
High Game: S. Romain, 243, E. Helsel, 187, 184, W. Millikin, 177. High Series: S. Romain, 553, E. Helsel, 536, W. Millikin, 502.	

Triangle League

JJ's Motor Mall	14-6
A. Bulldog Towing	13-7
Deb & Dale's	11-9

Roshy Const.	11-9
Grayling Ford	10-10
Jackson Trio	8-12
Barber Const.	7-13
Spike's	6-14
High Game: D. Henning, 227, S. Jackson, 412, T. Devins, 210. High Series: D. Henning, 598, A. Angove, L. Davis, 552, S. Jackson, 530.	

Grayling Youth Bowling

Young Guns	18-10
Posse	18-10
Bounty Hunters	17-11
Outlaws	16-12
Marshall's	15-13
Mustangs	12-16
Cowgirls	10-18
Rustlers	6-22
Boy's High Game: Doug Wilhelm, 183. Boy's High Series: Doug Wilhelm, 495.	
Girl's High Game: Carmen Romain, 180. Girl's High Series: Carmen Romain, 459.	

Little Indians

Mohegans	18.5-2.5
Mohawks	14-7
Iroquois	12.5-8.5

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Apache	10-11
Comanche	8-13
Seminole	8-13
Cheyenne	7-14
Chippewa	6-15
Boy's High Game: Kyle Roman, 131. Boy's High Series: Kyle Roman, 252.	
Girl's High Game: Rachael Evon, 112. Girl's High Series: Rachael Evon, 200.	

Gold Rush

Forty Niners	16-5
Black Smiths	16-5
Gold Miners	12-9
Trail Blazers	11-10
Silver Nuggets	11-10
Mule Skinners	7-14
Sod Busters	6-15
Wagon Masters	5-16
Boy's High Game: Ryan Stahl, 112. Boy's High Series: Ryan Stahl, 191.	
Girl's High Game: Darcie Lovely, 103. Girl's High Series: Darcie Lovely, 170.	

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GRAYLING BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Patti's/Camp Grayling	4-0
Fox Const./Hinkle RE/MAX	3-1
Spike's	2-2
Holiday Inn	1-3
Big Boy/Sylvester's	1-3
Weyerhaeuser	1-3

Patti's/Camp Grayling	65—
Doremire, 17; Dannenburg, 17; White, 14; Junttila, 10; Leask, 5; Trudgeon, 2.	
Fox Construction/Hinkle REMAX	60—
Donahoe, 19; R. Tobin, 15; Ryckman, 13; Hinkle, 7; Fox, 6.	

Weyerhaeuser	71—
Trenary, 21; Ruddy, 14; Kelly, 10; Pagel, 8; Dandy, 7; Roman, 7; Lange, 2. Big Boy/Sylvester's	57—
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Patterson, 31; Thompson, 8; Kolka, 7; T. Gardiner, 5; Potter, 4; Pummel, 3.	

Hunting & Fishing Weekly Update

A new DNR director!

Super Bowl Sunday is over again for another year. January is drawing to a close, February first marks the opener for sturgeon. Some people like to go up to Black Lake near Indian River, and sit in a shanty with hopes of seeing one of these giants to throw a spear at. This could be super exciting.

The Department of Natural Resources has a new director this week, and from reports, most who know about him seem to think he will be very good. Time will tell.

Lake Margrethe continues to produce good catches of walleye of all sizes. Now is the time to get out and do some ice fishing.



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City _____ State _____ Zip _____
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☐ Appliance ☐ Electronics ☐ Lawn & Garden
☐ Tools ☐ Other (Specify) _____
 No purchase necessary. See below for complete rules. Must be 18 years or older to enter. One entry per person per day. Odds of winning will be determined by the number of entries received. Void where prohibited.

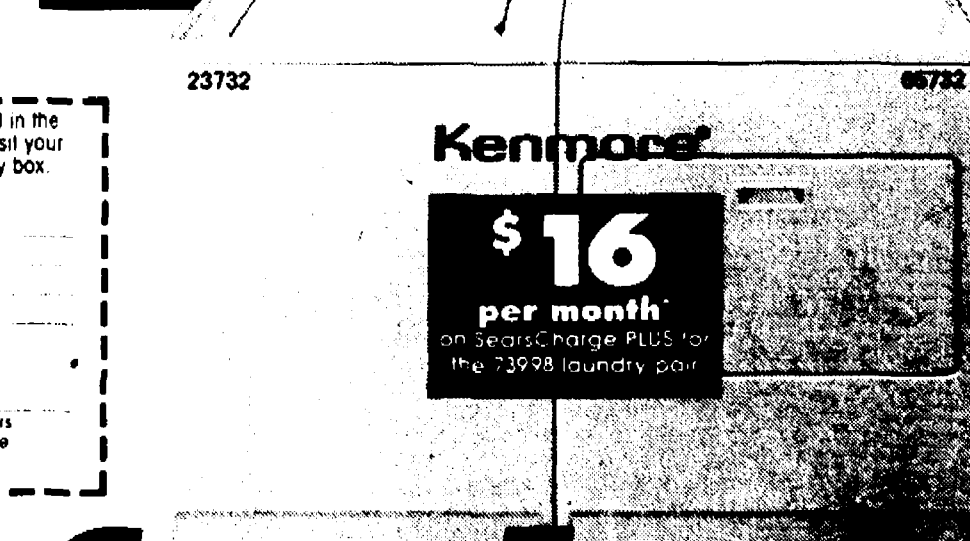
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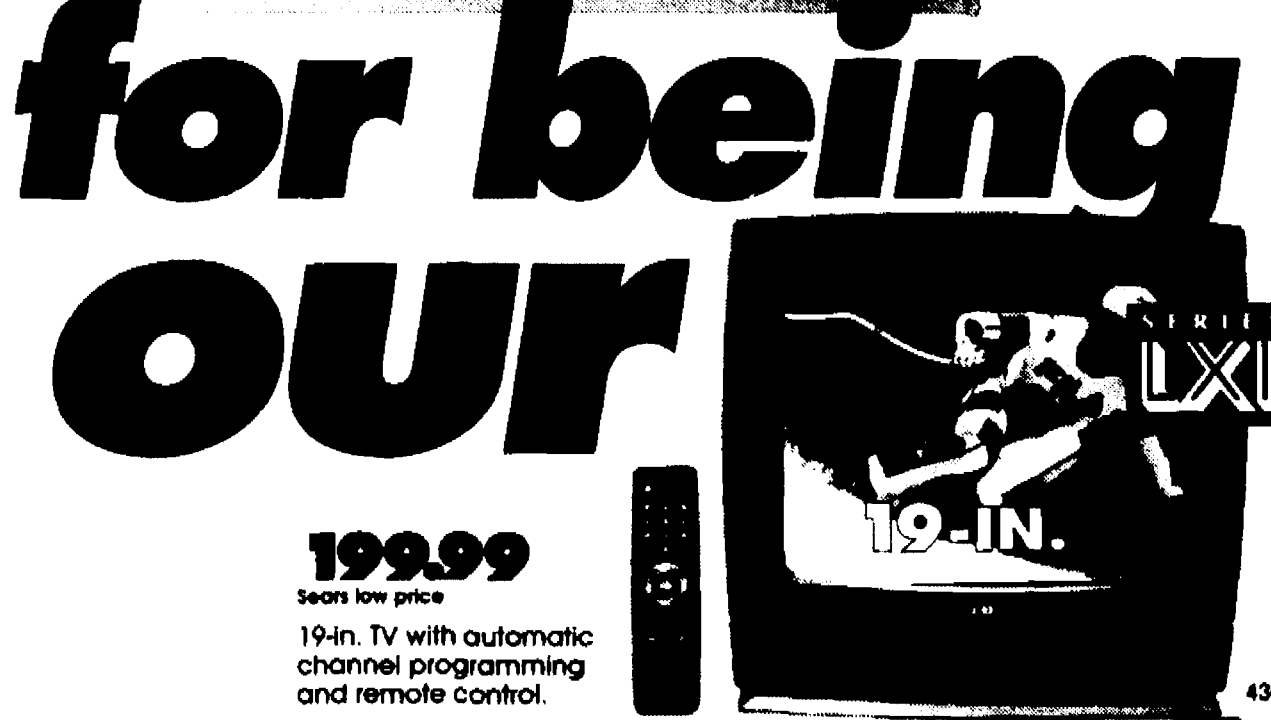
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\$25 per month* on SearsCharge PLUS
Save \$204
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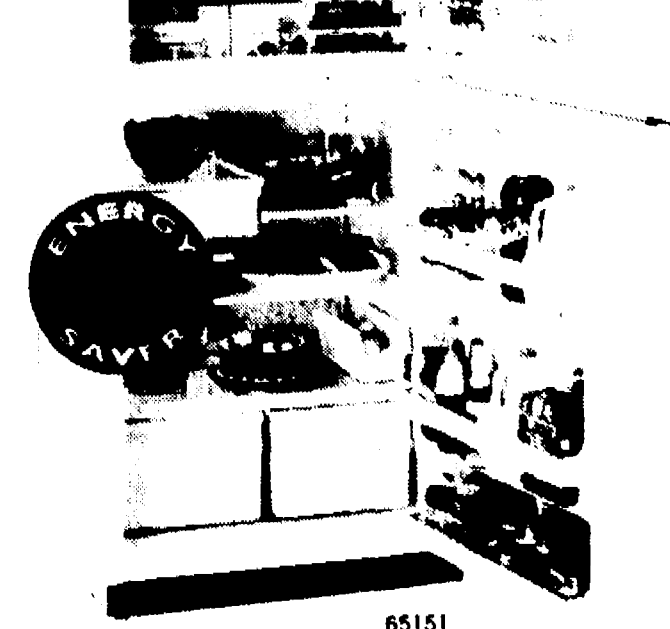
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Extra-large capacity washer with 2-speed motor, 5 temperatures.



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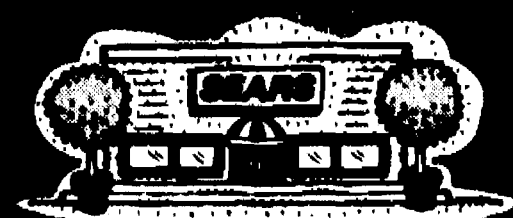
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20.6 cu. ft. with gallon door storage and adjustable glass shelves.

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**Tuesday, February 6, 1996
4-6:30 pm**

Please come and see our new facility, get to know the staff and learn about the services we have to offer.

Refreshments will be served

LEGAL ACTION

SYNOPSIS

Beaver Creek Township Regular Board Meeting Jan. 8, 1996

The regular meeting of the Beaver Creek Township Board was held on Jan. 8, 1996, with all board members present. There were 17 guests present.

Minutes to 12/11/95 meeting were accepted as presented.

Reports were given by Treasurer, Supervisor, Fire Department/DPW/Planning and Zoning report by Mr. Holtcamp and Sheriff's Liaison Committee report by Ms. Mobarak.

Twenty-one pieces of correspondence were accepted.

OLD BUSINESS:

Work session to be held 1/17/96 at 10 a.m. to work on township employment policy and hear insurance proposal from Burnham & Flowers.

NEW BUSINESS:

—McGregor makes motion that we use 12/31/95 federal income figures to set poverty exemption guidelines for 1996 in Poverty Guidelines Resolution under "Section B" which shows the allowable annual income for number of persons residing in household.

—Consensus of board that board of Review and Supervisor should attend MTA workshop in February.

—McGregor motions to approve the proposed split of Dewitt property. Carried.

—Mobarak asks policy be set regarding tapes and guests sign in at each meeting.

—McDonough motions to pay AP bills. Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Sharon K. Hartman, Clerk

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD PUBLICATION NOTICE

Decedent's Estate

File No. 96-005511-IE

Estate of Margaret Elizabeth Stewart.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Your interest in the estate may be barred or affected by this hearing.

NOTICE: A hearing was held on Jan. 18, 1996, in the probate courtroom, Crawford, Michigan before Judge John G. Hunter on the petition of Florence A. Hough requesting Florence A. Hough be appointed personal representative of Margaret Elizabeth Stewart who lived at 4978 Dawn Drive, Grayling, MI 49738, Michigan, and who died Dec. 24, 1995, and requesting also the will of the deceased dated Nov. 1, 1995 be admitted to probate.

Creditors of the deceased are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to the (proposed) personal representative or to both the probate court and the (proposed) personal representative within 4 months of the date of publication of this notice. Notice is further given that the estate will then be assigned to entitled persons appearing of record.

Date: Jan. 24, 1996
Roberta Eckert Christell (P46479)
P.O. Drawer 665
Grayling, MI 49738 (517) 348-5232
Florence A. Hough
4978 Dawn Drive
Grayling, MI 49738 (517) 348-8519

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Tires: Blackwall • Box: 8 Ft.
Seat: Cloth Bench
Color: Red
Silverado, or equivalent
Plow Package

Sealed bids to be opened at 10:30 am, February 8, 1996, during the Regular Meeting of The Road Commission For Crawford County.

INSTRUCTIONS: Indicate on the outside envelope what item is being bid. Bids are to be in the hands of the board clerk, no later than 10 am the day of the opening. The road commission reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

James Briney

THE ROAD COMMISSION FOR CRAWFORD COUNTY
500 Huron St., P.O. Box 648, Grayling, MI 49738 • (517) 348-2281

NOTICE

The Crawford County Strong Families/Safe Children Family Coordinating Council is currently accepting proposals for contract awards authorized by the Executive Directors for the services listed below.

Contracts as a result of this Request for Proposal (RFP) are expected to begin March 1, 1996 and end September 30, 1996. Funding of comprehensive services for a second year beginning October 1, 1996 will be decided by the SFSC Executive Directors in the summer of 1996.

Parenting Program:

• Provide parenting education to caretakers of young children, in their homes or small groups.

FY 96 - \$5,500 FY 97 - \$10,087

Resource Directory

• Develop and maintain a computerized data base of the Health and Human Services available to residents of Crawford County.
• Produce and distribute 150-200 Health and Human Services Directories formatted to the specifications of the Strong Families/Safe Children Family Coordinating Council.

FY 96 - \$9,547 FY 97 - \$416

Child Care Services

• Provide on site child care services for 25 children of parents attending the Adult Education Program.

FY 96 \$6,600 FY 97 - \$12,379

Latchkey

• Develop and run an After School (3 to 6 pm) Care Program with age appropriate activities at Grayling Elementary School.

FY 96 - \$4,999 FY 97 - \$3,668

Sexual Abuse Counseling

• Provide counseling for school age children who are victims of sexual abuse.

FY 96 - \$6,000 FY 97 - \$8,252

Recreation Assistance

• Administer funding to low income families whose children are seeking participation in recreational activities.

FY 96 - \$8,250 FY 97 - \$10,087

Youth Support Counseling

• Provide counseling/Social work services and early intervention to non delinquent and their families.

FY 96 - \$16,000 FY 97 - \$22,008

Group Support and Education Programs

• Provide support groups and education for individuals experiencing life transitions.

FY 96 - \$7,500 FY 97 - \$9,169

Interested parties may obtain a copy of the RFP detailing the services listed above and a response package by writing or faxing a request to:

Crawford DSS, Attention SF/SC
P.O. Box 702
Grayling, Michigan 49738
(517) 348-3828 FAX

All proposals submitted in response to this request for proposals must be received at Crawford County D.S.S., P.O. Box 702, Grayling, MI 49738 no later than 4:30 pm on February 16, 1996.

A bidder's conference will be held on Monday, February 12, 1996, 9 - 11 am at St. Mary's Catholic Church Family Center in Grayling. Attendance is recommended but not required.

Hanson Hills 10K Michigan Cup Classical results

John Gravin	Linwood	0:35:05
Stephen Smigiel	Cedar Springs	0:35:55
Jay Hole	Midford	0:36:03
Bruce Barton	Homer	0:36:38
Jon Morgan	Midford	0:36:52
Chris Weingartz	Oakland	0:38:05
Curt Peterson	Midland	0:38:18
Don Camp	Grand Rapids	0:38:39
Dick Fultz	Roscommon	0:38:58
Matthew Vajda	Traverse City	0:39:04
Scott Anderson	Holland	0:39:14
Kenneth Dawson	Farm. Hills	0:39:20
Leonid Tikh	West Bloomfield	0:39:32
Herb Ashbeck	Orchard Lake	0:39:49
K. Ames	Gaylord	0:40:24
Mike Schaefer	Columbus	0:40:47
Bob Yankus	Walled Lake	0:41:32
M. McAfferty	Wixom	0:42:07
Mike Muha	Ada	0:42:13
Steve Smigiel	Sault St. Marie	0:42:27
Tenho Tikka	Norton Shores	0:43:05
Phil Cannon	Amherst	0:43:36
Ed Clary	Sylvania	0:43:51
Joel Bury	Howell	0:43:54
Lee Rics	Whitehall	0:44:20
Peter Johnson	Vermilion	0:44:53
Tom Baron	Rochester Hills	0:45:41
Tim Herrick	Traverse City	0:46:14
Richard Jaissle	Muskegon	0:46:17
Dan Chahk	N. Muskegon	0:46:47
Tim Greening	Portage	0:46:50
Tom Gushurst	Rockford	0:47:31
Emie Brumbaugh	Sterling Hgts.	0:48:16
Mark Madorski	Traverse City	0:48:42
John VanDalsen	Postonia	0:49:02
James Carl	Bozette Falls	0:49:26
Kevin Whitehead	Grafton	0:52:12
Phil Schaefer	Farm. Hills	0:52:46
Dan Harrison	Temperance	0:52:53
Lynn Koester	Grand Rapids	0:52:59
Brian Klein	Blissfield	0:53:36
Bill Pick	Bozette Falls	0:53:42
S. Topolinski	Mt. Clemens	0:54:52
Lynne Witte	Ann Arbor	0:55:52
John Caldwell	Greenville	0:55:53
Stuart Picard	Grosse Pk. Pk.	1:03:38
Max Johnson	Saginaw	1:08:08
David Fisher	Toledo	1:10:54
Pat Groves	Michawaka	1:11:53
C.E. Dehnert	Waterford	1:21:06
Ron August	Roch. Hills	1:24:20
M. Stevenson	Ann Arbor	1:33:57
Beth Caldwell	Grandville	
Peter Darily	Rockford	
Lars Wigert	Grayling	
Pai McNamara	Grayling	
Emie Brumbaugh	Rockford	

Hanson Hills 5K Michigan Cup Classical results

Max Weir	Rapid City	0:19:06
Melzar Coulter	Traverse City	0:20:13
Kevin Maki		0:20:14
Mike Haley		0:20:56
Troy Kellogg		0:21:22
Michael Weir	Rapid City	0:22:15
Aaron Tamow		0:22:20
John Hart	Williamsburg	0:22:29
Ryan LaMou		0:22:45
A. Kozrzewa	Traverse City	0:23:26
Mat Nordford		0:23:27
Sara Salo	Chassell	0:24:14
Julie Weir	Rapid City	0:24:30
Jon Weir	Rapid City	0:24:30
Kevin Coles	Traverse City	0:24:52
Brad Morgan	Williamsburg	0:24:59
Stephanie Barker	Traverse City	0:25:07
Kristin Angeli	Iron River	0:25:41
Sara Torbet	Traverse City	0:25:45
Thicia Plum	Traverse City	0:26:01
Scott Newman	Traverse City	0:26:24
Amelia Tholen	Laurium	0:27:01
Emily Klump		0:27:32
Katie Willis	Higgins Lake	0:27:42
Adam Abemathy	Traverse City	0:28:15
Danielle Correll	Traverse City	0:28:15
Kathy Haley	Traverse City	0:28:18
Thor Sawin	Traverse City	0:28:22
Robin Ford	Traverse City	0:28:45
Rachel Sturtz	Traverse City	0:29:56
J. VanDalsen	Traverse City	0:30:20
Jen Gross	Traverse City	0:31:59
Becky Tholen	Traverse City	0:32:03
Hillary Borowicz	Traverse City	0:32:57
Sara Stillwill	Traverse City	
Karin Vajda	Traverse City	

Hanson Hills 10K Michigan Cup Marathon results

Max Weir	Rapid City	0:29:05
Melzar Coulter	Traverse City	0:29:46
Kevin Maki	Traverse City	0:30:28
Mike Haley		0:30:29
Troy Kellogg		0:30:33
Jason Gross		0:30:53
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Fred Koehler	Harbor Springs	0:38:13
Sarah Hoppe	Alpena	0:42:55
Natalie Dawson	Farm. Hills	0:43:34
Pat McNamara	Grayling	0:46:45
Derek Reicks	Roscommon	0:47:58
L. Carlstrom	Rockford	0:49:39
C.E. Dehnert	Michawaka	1:08:09
Cheryl Timm	Bay City	1:11:23
Karin Vajda	Traverse City	
Bob Wilson	Lansing	
Nate Plum		

Hanson Hills 30K Michigan Cup Marathon results

Kip Brady	Sow	1:23:50
Dennis Polzin	Bellaire	1:25:58
John Gravin	Linwood	1:25:59
Clifford Onthank	Traverse City	1:25:59
Travis Hart	Femdale	1:26:12
Don Camp	Grand Haven	1:27:31
Tim Onthank	Traverse City	1:28:30
Stephen Smigiel	Cedar Springs	1:30:45
Mark Doherty	Traverse City	1:31:49
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Jim Pryor Jr.	Saginaw	1:32:25
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Scott Hooper	Williamsburg	1:33:38
Matthew Vajda	Traverse City	1:33:42
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Brian Maier	Newberry	
Joe Garney	Traverse City	
Robert Gardner	Ironwood	
Mel Burke	Lakewood	
Frank DuBois	Florence	
Jim Demitri	Chicago	
Rich Lucchetti	Oakwood	
Mike Quillman	E. Lansing	

Hanson Hills Womens' 15K Michigan Cup Marathon results

Cheryl Damton	Ann Arbor	0:59:40
Carrie Baic	Williamsburg	0:56:52
Karen Dawson	Farm. Hills	1:03:58
Lynne Witte	Mt. Clemens	1:05:37
Sharon Watt	Redford	1:13:45
Ellen Fiverson	Traverse City	1:23:42
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FACTS AND FEATURES

YOUR HOROSCOPE

Your Week Ahead Horoscope

Forecast For: Feb. 4 - 10, 1996

- ARIES** The next few weeks will be hectic. New office procedures are on the horizon and you're skills will be called upon.
March 21-April 19
- TAURUS** Financially, you're in good shape. Health-wise, though, you need an overhaul. Diet and exercise.
April 20 - May 20
- GEMINI** While budgeting your finances, prepare to also budget your time. Organization is the key.
May 21 - June 20
- CANCER** Don't get bogged down in negotiations and discussions. Take a leap of faith. Follow your intuition.
June 21 - July 22
- LEO** Get your priorities in order. There is not enough time to do everything you want to do. Put your needs before wants.
July 23 - Aug 22
- VIRGO** Too many demands create resentment. Not everyone is a workaholic. Get a life and lighten up.
Aug 23 - Sept 22
- LIBRA** There may be more precipitation indoors than out. Don't let minor problems snowball into major catastrophes.
Sept 23 - Oct 22
- SCORPIO** Your abilities to handle money matters will be called upon to cut the budget. Use common cents.
Oct 23 - Nov 21
- SAGITTARIUS** Some secrets cannot be kept. Don't allow someone to get in over his head. Take charge of a bad situation.
Nov 22 - Dec 21
- CAPRICORN** Long term goals may have to be re-adjusted. Don't despair...time changes all things.
Dec 22 - Jan 19
- AQUARIUS** Don't procrastinate. Act on your decisions and don't look back. Just do the best you can.
Jan 20 - Feb 18
- PISCES** Start now to prepare for tax time. And begin now to keep better records for next year!
Feb 19 - March 20



GAMI NEEDS A HOME--This 3-year-old, female, terrier mix is housebroken, loveable and is very good with kids. If you would like to give her a home, or any of the other animals at the shelter, stop by the Animal Shelter of Crawford County, or give them a call at 348-4117.

PET CARE TIPS

Exercise is still important for your pets, even in winter. Whenever you walk your dog, be sure to check her paws for frostbite, advises the Animal Protection Institute.

WEEKEND CROSSWORD

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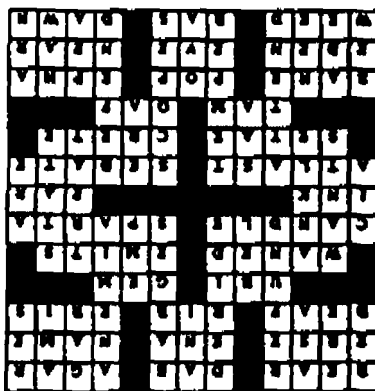
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1. Put up with
5. Flat fish
8. Seaweed
12. Gaelic
13. Last queen of Spain
14. Title
15. Unable to hear
16. Eliminate
17. Nyx's daughter
18. White yarn
20. Jewel
22. Decreased
24. Sends out
27. Taper
28. Athen's enemy
30. Writing fluid
31. Auricle
32. Finally, 2 wds.
36. Calm
39. Bristles
40. Mediterranean island
41. Headgear
42. Yoke
43. Rational
46. Dad

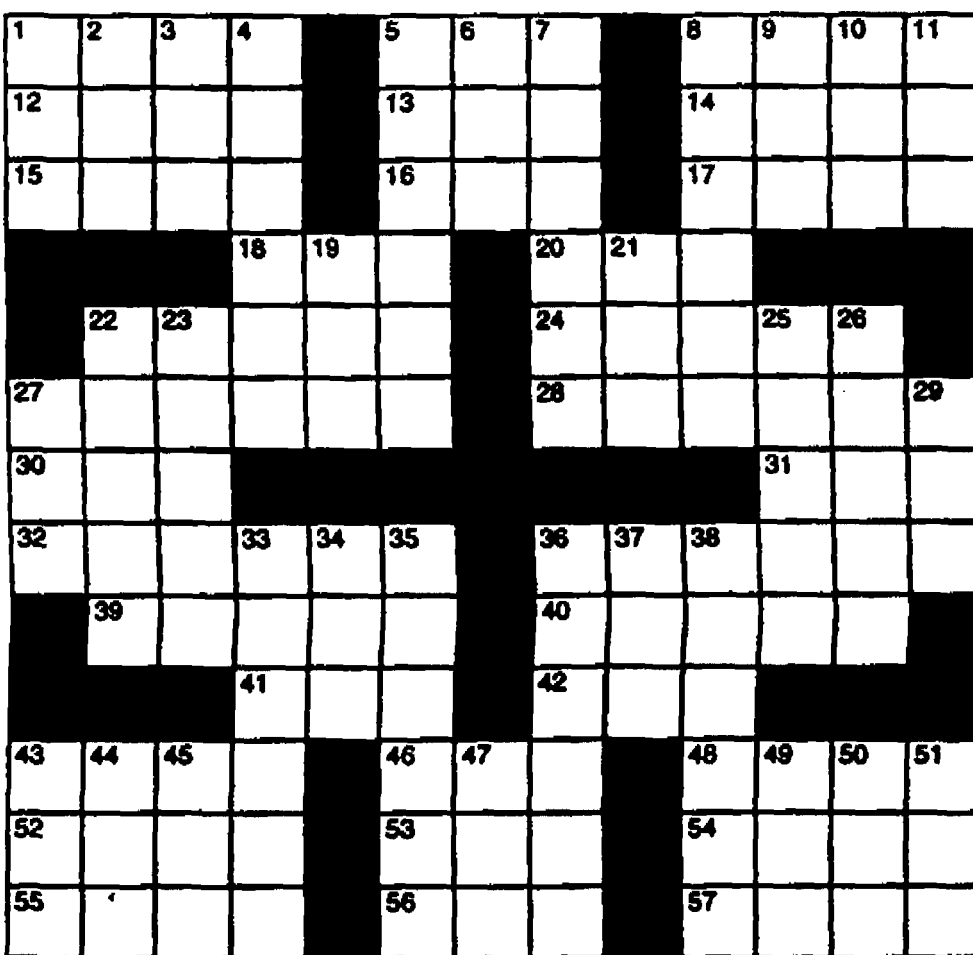
DOWN

48. Hebrew measure
52. English prime minister
53. Twilight
54. Close
55. Garden pest
56. Ethiopian title
57. Morning
1. Bunk
2. Before
3. Abijah's son
4. Rebate
5. Ridicule
6. Black bird
7. Emblem
8. Blood deficiency
9. Long-bodied fish
10. Friend, in Paris
11. Thing, in law
19. Fruit, Ind.
21. Employer, abbr.
22. Desires
23. Foot joint
25. Give medical care
26. Avar

THIS WEEK'S PUZZLE ANSWERS



27. Cent. Intelligence Agency, init.
29. Metric measure
33. Be present
34. Old Arab measure
35. Disposition
36. "Monkey trial" defendant
37. Age
38. Protect
43. Stitch
44. Soft drink
45. Born
47. Eggs
49. Legume
50. Hawthorn berry
51. Alder tree, Scot.



A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 years ago Feb. 1, 1973

Jack Rasmussen of Grayling, caught a beauty on a tip-up last Thursday, while fishing on West Bay of Lake Margrethe with Ace Worden and Dick Auman. The northern pike measured 38 inches long with an 18-inch girth, and weighed 14 pounds, 6 ounces.

Grayling's Ben Franklin Family Center kicked off a second century of Grayling's progress and offering a wide selection of merchandise bearing nationally-known brand names, will be opened Thursday, Feb. 15, under the ownership of Emil and John Kraus of Grayling.

Mr. and Mrs. John R. Kindra, formerly of Mt. Clemens, and of the Forest J. Kindra and Son Corporation, are the proprietors of Gilbert's Penguin Inn. Renamed the Grayling Inn, the restaurant will be open for lunch and dinners.

L.P. Plastics (the initials standing for Lower Peninsula) started production Thursday last week, of injection-molded plastic products, in its building on North Down River Road at Millikin Road.

The new firm's general manager, W. B. (Wally) Robinson supervised the placing of two 5 1/2-ton presses in the plant on Monday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cinciala of Grayling, a son, Scott David, on Jan. 24. He weighed 6 pounds, 14 1/2 ounces.

Airman Stanley Riggs, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Riggs of Frederic, has been assigned to Lowrey AFB, Colorado, after completing Air Force basic training.

Jerry Annis returned to Michigan Tech at Houghton, after spending the weekend of the 20th with his parents, the Forrest Annises.

Pete Stephan, Glen Terry, Bob Bovee and Chuck Fick attended a Kiwanis Inter-Club meeting at Traverse City Tuesday morning.

While staying at the Holiday Inn one night last week, Mr. and Mrs. George Hanners of Somerset Center, bought a copy of the Avalanche and were surprised to see their names in the 23 years ago column. (Even though their names were misspelled with Ms instead of Ns)

The newly-organized Crawford County Planning Commission met for the first time on Wednesday, Jan. 24. The new officers for the coming year are Jeremy Jones, chairman; Harold Meries, vice-chairman; and Edith Paul, secretary-treasurer. Other members of the commission are Jerry Morford, Donald Jansen, Arthur Lozon and Pat

Harwood.

46 years ago Feb. 2, 1950

Owing to the passing of Mr. O. P. Schumann, and as a result of an agreement on Oct. 22, 1949, Mrs. Nola Laurant has taken over the management of the business, known as Palmer Fire Insurance Agency. This agency was first founded in 1906, by the late Dr. Oscar Palmer, whom many in Grayling remember well. Having taken care of the clerical work of the agency all of the time it was operated by the late Mr. Schumann, the business is not new to her.

Mr. and Mrs. William LaGrow announce that they have purchased the S & N Laundry Service from Mr. and Mrs. Sam Gust. Announcement will be made later as to the new location and opening date.

A campaign for funds to construct an eighth grade Parochial School for St. Mary's Parish, Grayling, has been announced by Father John Breitenstein, pastor of St. Mary's.

A petite and attractive brunette, Miss Norma Parkinson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Parkinson of Grayling, became the Grayling Winter Queen for 1950, at the Winter Sports Park last Sunday afternoon. Members of Queen Norma's court of honor are the Misses Phyllis Newell, Joan Thompson, Joyce Hoerl and Jean Rasmussen, who with the new Winter Queen, were selected to compete for the Grayling title.

If it wasn't for Louis, Mrs. Johnson may not have had any rabbits this year. The score stands at Louis 6 and Mrs. Johnson 1.

What could have been a tragedy was avoided when the Frederic school bus, Lovells district caught fire. The driver, Clayton Kellogg had progressed as far as Lovells and was turning around at Horrells when he noticed the fire. The bus was quickly emptied of students.

Weekend guests at the Robert Bovee home were his sister Miss Joan Bovee and guest of Plymouth. They all attended the basketball game in East Jordan, Friday night.

Mrs. Harley Russell entertained 11 for dinner at her home Sunday in celebrating the birthday of her sister, Mrs. Fred Lamm.

The Thane Hendersons have moved into their new home on the Old Lake Road.

Aubrey Blaine speared a really big northern pike at School Section Lake last Friday afternoon. The fish weighed 18 pounds and was 40 inches long.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Davis and children plan to leave the last of the

week to spend three or four weeks in Florida. Mrs. Mina Culver will be in charge of the store during their absence.

Despite the cold weather, work is being done at the souvenir plant every day.

Groundhog Day, being Thursday the 2nd, we hope when he ventures outside, he will stay so the winter days will soon be over.

William Miller attended a meeting in Lansing last week, a business meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Crawford County.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Brown of Big Bay, are making an extended visit with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Brown and Mr. and Mrs. Claude Parkinson.

Postmaster James McDonnell expects to leave for Newport Richey, Florida, Thursday for an extended visit.

69 years ago Feb. 3, 1927

A number of legislators visited the fish hatchery here, among them Walter J. Truettner.

Reuben S. Babbitt has been installed as deputy state game warden by the Department of Conservation.

Marquette Richards, Francis Hunter and Lola Craven are the editorial staff for the Frederic school notes. Frederic School News. Those neither tardy or absent last week were Oral Burke, Elsie Weaver, Winifred Baldwin, Nellie Badder, Alan Leng, Rose Lewis, Caroline Welch, Edna Kashmer, Frances Ensign, Beatrice Stice, Edith Baldwin, Lloyd McLean, Ruby Weaver, Orville Murphy, Catherine Ensign, Florence Badder, Della Baldwin, Elvora Barber and Shirley Corsaut.

Miss Flora Parsons of Frederic, was surprised when a party of young friends greeted her on the evening of her 18th birthday, Monday, Jan. 31.

Clayton and Clyde Doremire were missed from Frederic School one day last week. Same old story—couldn't get the river started.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Vallad have moved to Kalkaska where they are now taking over the Indian Trail Oil Station located on M-13 on the north side of town.

Mrs. Peter Larson underwent a serious operation at Mercy Hospital Tuesday morning.

Mrs. Kristine Salling was hostess to a few ladies Saturday afternoon in honor of her birthday.

Miss Lillis Hull of Gaylord is the guest of Miss Mabel Shippy, coming to attend the masked ball held last evening.

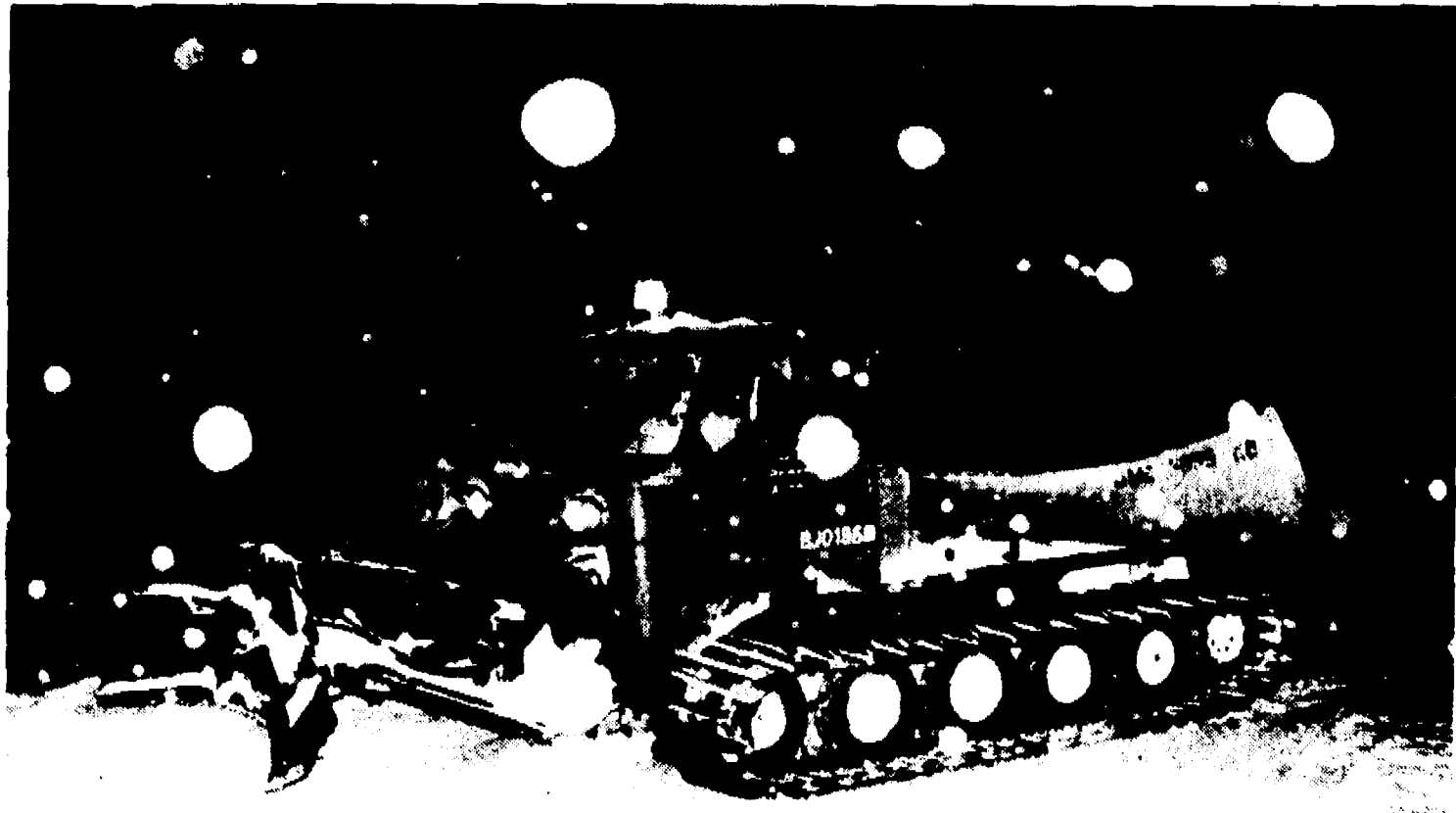
Mrs. Peter Rasmussen invited in a

few friends Saturday evening to help Mr. Rasmussen celebrate his 80th birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Wolff of New York and Grayling, will sail on the Duilio of the Italian Navigation Lines on Feb. 17, for a short Mediterranean trip stopping at Maderia, Gibraltar and Algiers.

The Boy Scouts and Boy Rangers met for reorganization at the Michelson Memorial Church last Monday evening, under the leadership of Rev. Baughn, Alfred Bebb and Howard Granger.

Post Commander Alfred Hanson, Harry Hemmingson, Alvin LaChappelle and Earle Hewitt left Tuesday for Midland to attend a meeting of the higher branch of the American Legion.



THAT'S COLD--It was so cold recently, canoeists on the AuSable River had to take their canoes down the river in the back of a snow cat. Just kidding—actually this picture was taken at the Winter Wolf Festival. The snow cat was used to haul canoes up the hill at Hanson Hills for the downhill canoe race. Do you believe that?

Date	High	Low	Precip.	Snow on ground	Extended forecast courtesy of the U.S. Weather Service in Houghton Lake: Snow showers will continue on Wednesday, with additional accumulations likely. The highs will be 10 above. Thursday through Saturday calls for cold temperatures during the period. There is a chance of snow showers on Thursday, with the high of 5 to 10 above, and the lows of zero to 10 below. Friday's high will be 5 above, with the lows of zero to 10 below, and Saturday's highs will be 10 to 15 above, with the lows of zero to 5 below.
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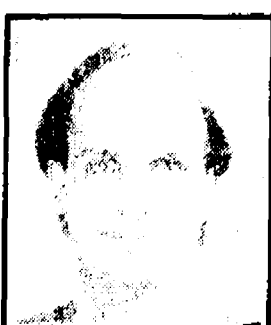
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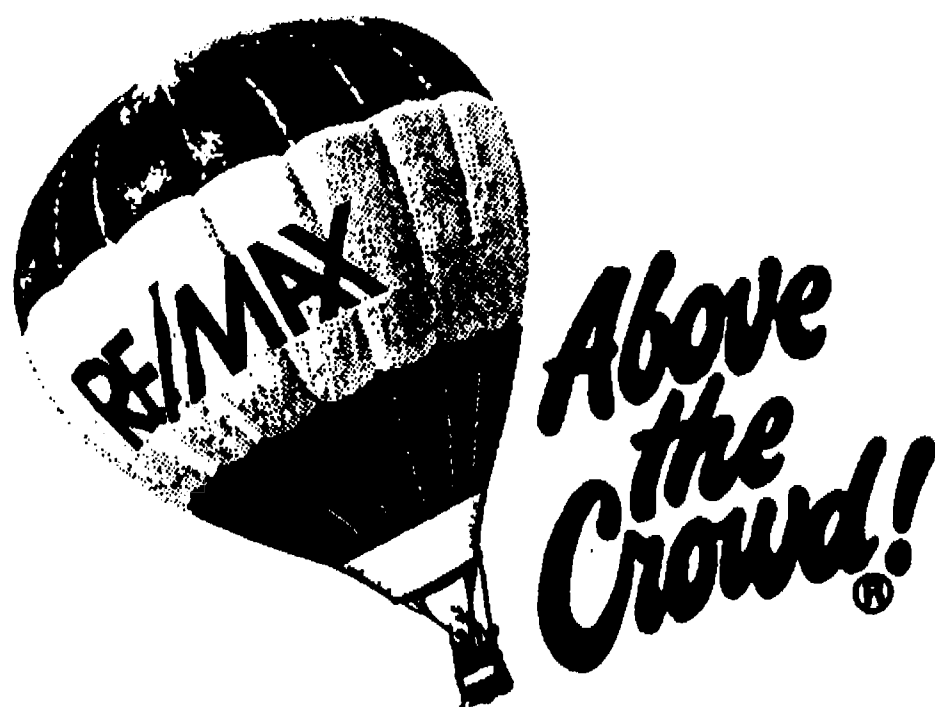
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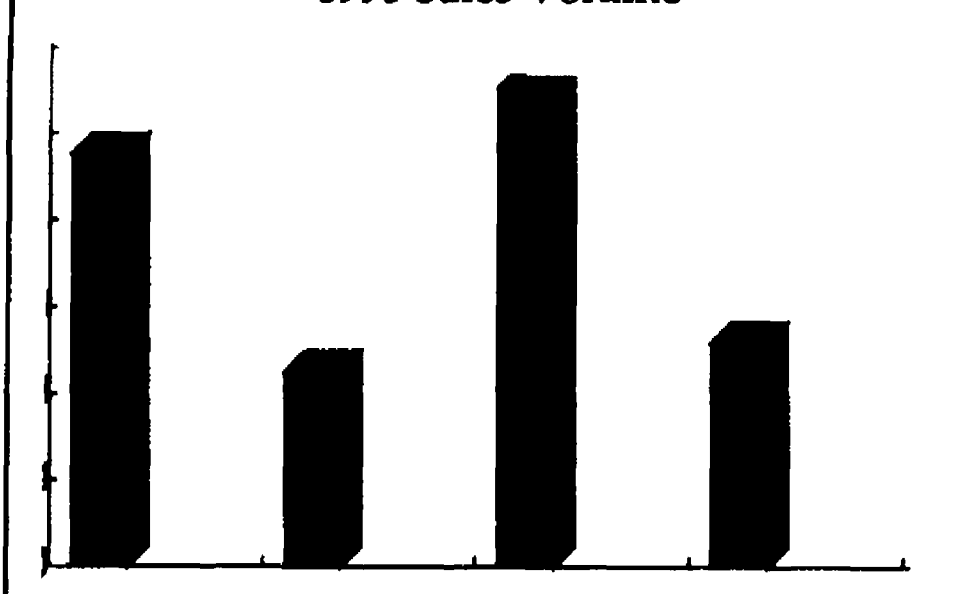
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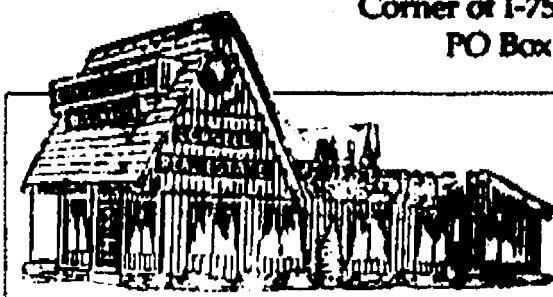
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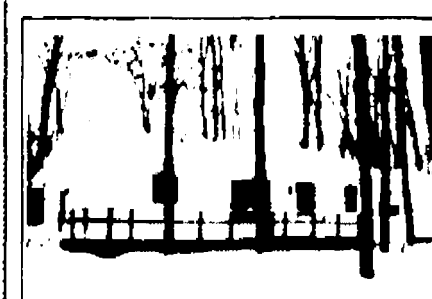
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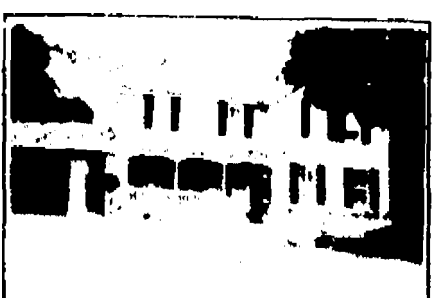
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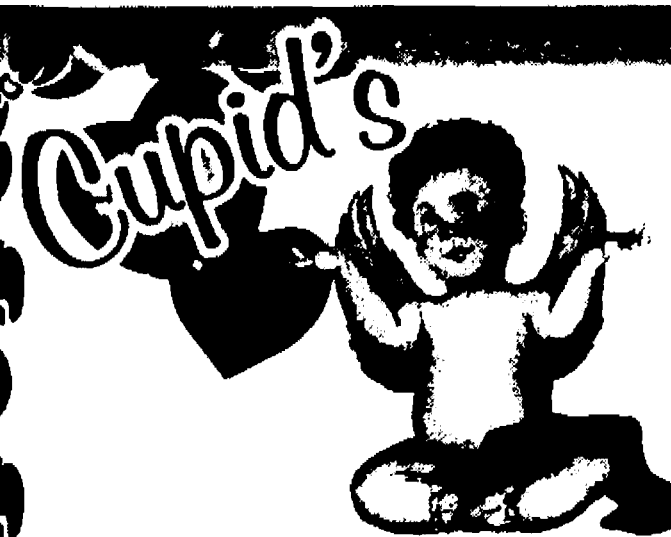
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Roger Kolb to speak at Michelson Church on Feb. 6 at benefit dinner

Roger Kolb will be at Michelson United Methodist Church on Tuesday, Feb. 6, to share his experiences concerning his call to serve with Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF) in Irian Jaya, Indonesia.

As many will recall, Roger's father served Michelson Church as a pastor until 1969 and then was employed by the Crawford AuSable School District for 14 years until his death.

Roger, his wife Mary Kay and their three daughters have accepted a call to serve in Irian Jaya where Roger will support the MAF pilots maintaining the navigational and communications equipment of MAF planes. These planes are primarily used to service missionary personnel in outlying areas. Mary Kay, a special education teacher, has been asked to teach in the International School for children of missionaries serving in the area.

Many missionary organizations require those participating to raise their own funds; Roger and Mary Kay must raise enough funds to support themselves during their year of service to MAF.

A benefit Swiss steak dinner will be served on Tuesday evening between 5 and 7 p.m., which is open to the public. During that time Roger will present a video and share information about the work of MAF that supports missionaries of many different denominations,



BENEFIT DINNER FOR THE KOLBS -- will help support them during their year of service in Irian Jaya where Roger will support the MAF pilots maintaining the navigational and communications equipment of MAF planes.

including United Methodists in remote and inaccessible regions of the world. All proceeds will support the Kolb family in support of their year's service.

The dinner is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children ages 5-12. Children under five are free. Tickets are available by calling the church or at the door.

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needs and other criteria.

In addition, 43 employees received Community Spirit Awards from the

utility in recognition of their volunteer efforts.

PINE WHISPERS

By Ann Stephens and Wil Shapton

Greetings from Hartwick Pines State Park. The recent snowfall should make for excellent cross-country skiing conditions along our groomed trails. The Michigan Forest Visitor Center is open daily from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m., and offers a warming room to the public on Saturdays and Sundays. (Note: The center will be closed on Monday, Feb. 19, Presidents' Day.) Complimentary hot beverages and snacks are available. Enjoy the winter scenery, fresh air and then come to the visitor center and check out the wildlife at our viewing area. Hartwick Pines staff welcomes the

addition of history specialist Wil Shapton. His duties will focus on the human history of the park. Stop out to say hello.

The visitor center is offering two frog-survey workshops, Thursday, Feb. 15, at 7 p.m., and Saturday, March 16, at 10 a.m. If you're interested in doing frog and toad-calling surveys, we invite you to attend one of the workshops. The data collected will be used to determine the abundance of frogs and toads in Michigan. Call the center for more information at (517) 348-2537.

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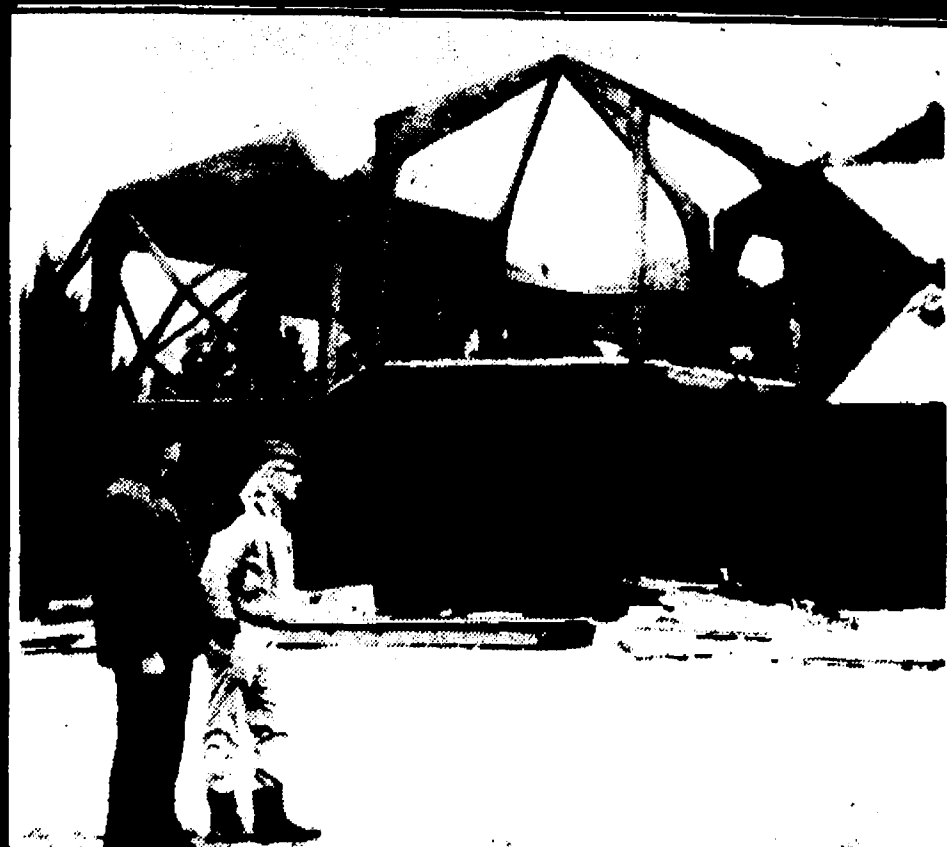
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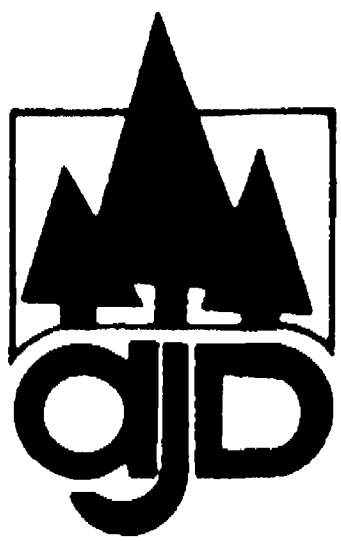
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Two men oversee construction of the Polyhedron at Bear Mountain. Originally built as the Minnesota Pavilion at the 1964 World Fair in New York, it was moved here piece by piece and rebuilt. The Polyhedron was home to a hotel, restaurant and lounge until it was closed and torn down in 1978.

The Hanson & Sons mill under construction at T-Town in 1908. Along with this mill, known as the Big Mill, T-Town also had a planing mill, a business office, a kitchen, a dining hall and a bunkhouse. Thirteen houses were built for the married men and their families. Due to the dwindling lumber supply, the Big Mill closed in 1918. T-Town continued to exist in one form or another until the property on which it stood reverted back to the state of Michigan for back taxes. The Grayling Airport now covers most of what was T-Town.

The Hale Michelson home under construction at the corner of Peninsula and Ogema in 1903. In the background is the Grayling School, also under construction. This school building had three additions built onto it, where it remained until it burned in January of 1915. The Michelson home still stands today next to the current Grayling Middle School.

A view of the Grayling Electric Light Dam, first constructed on the AuSable River mainstream west of town in 1903. This dam generated power until it was closed in 1925. While the building remains as a private residence, the dam was removed beginning in 1981.

A crew clearing a cut for a railroad grade somewhere near Grayling. An important part of the lumbering trade, the railroad lines spread over much of the county. While these individual lines were discontinued with the demise of the the lumber supply, many of these grades can still be found throughout the county.

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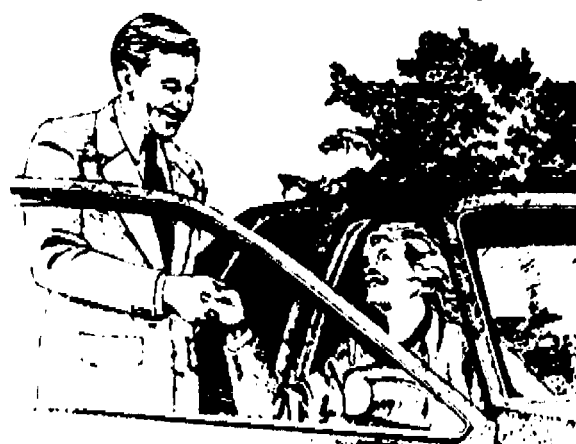
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Dr. Stanley Insley, local pioneer and, 'one of God's best men'

By Terry Wright

Of the many early residents who have played leading roles in the formation of the Crawford County community, few have taken larger roles than Dr. Stanley Insley.

Stanley Insley was born in Picton, Ontario on June 29, 1869. In 1894 he graduated from Trinity University in Toronto as an M.D., and moved to Grayling to begin a distinguished 25-year practice the following year.

In 1898, Dr. Insley married Anna Reagan of Bay City, and together the couple had three children, Stanley, Margaret and Marius. The family home and the doctor's medical practice were established on Peninsular Street, across the street from the Methodist Church, in the home owned today by the family of the late Earl and Violet Burns.

Dr. Insley was instrumental in the founding of Grayling Mercy Hospital in 1910, but prior to that had a two-bed hospital, in his home, for patients too seriously ill to be moved. Insley's in-home hospital is thought to be the first in Crawford County, although at least one other one-bed hospital is said to have existed at the same time, in the home of another doctor.

As the community grew, the need for a larger and better equipped hospital grew also, and Dr. Insley, along with Dr. Oscar Palmer owner of the *Crawford County Avalanche*, and Rasmus



DR. STANLEY INSLEY
1869-1920

Hanson of Salling Hanson Company, spear-headed a drive to establish a real hospital.

Citizens of the community donated whatever funds they could to support the plan. Hanson contributed large amounts of money and Palmer donated land. In 1910 construction began.

Grayling Mercy Hospital, administered under an agreement with the Sisters of Mercy, re-

ceived its first patients in April, 1911. The hospital, located where the Hospitality House Motel now stands, had 20 beds and was said to be one of the best equipped, best staffed hospitals in northern Michigan.

In 1913, Mercy Hospital installed an X-ray department and by 1920 more than 1,800 patients had been X-rayed.

With promises of a first class medical facility, Dr. Insley had recruited a second surgeon, Dr. Claud Keyport, away from Detroit's Harper Hospital, in 1910. Together, the doctors shared Insley's home office, while performing all necessary surgeries at the hospital.

A 1920 Mercy Hospital report said, "Skilled in his surgical art, honored by his confreres, and loved by his patients, Dr. Insley is believed by his friends to have really first found himself when about ten years ago he, in conjunction with a few friends, who had the welfare of the people of Grayling and Crawford County at heart, began the erection of the Mercy Hospital, which stands today, as it will in years to come, as a monument to a great and self-sacrificing man."

It was common for doctors of those years to travel far and wide to reach their patients, and it was on such a trip to Frederic, on a stormy
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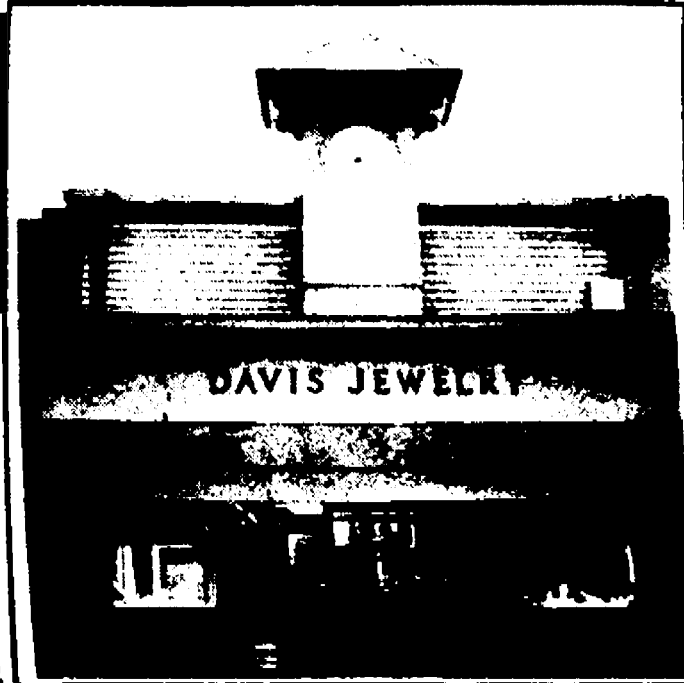


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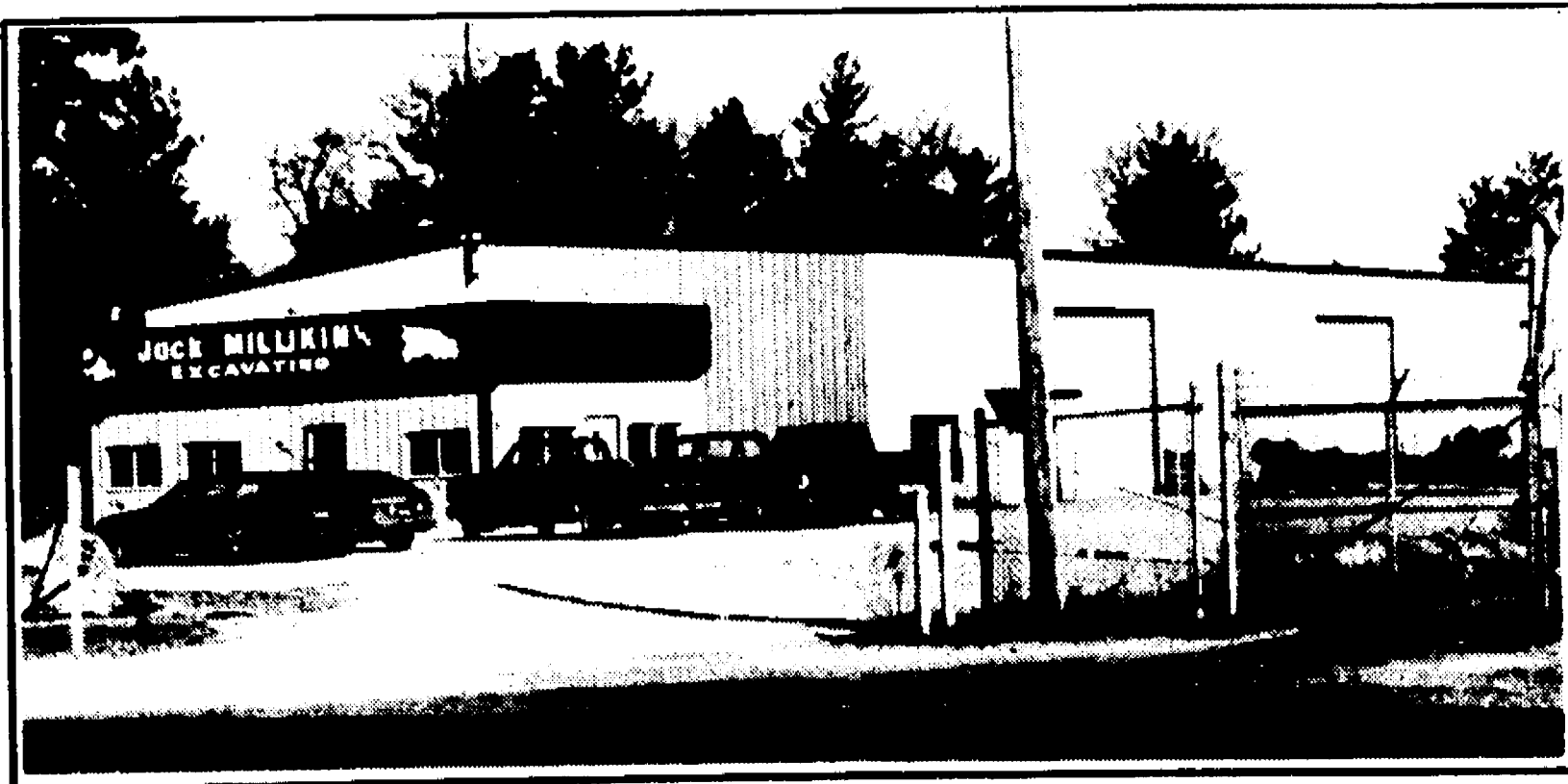
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Dr. Insley, 'one of God's best men'

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February night, that Dr. Insley encountered tragedy.

According to a story appearing in the Feb. 22, 1912, edition of the Avalanche, Dr. Insley had been visiting a sick patient in Frederic and was waiting at the depot for the return trip back to Grayling. When he discovered he had left his medical bag at the patient's home, he hurried back to retrieve it, and returned to the depot just as the Michigan Central train was arriving.

Waiting on the east side of the railroad tracks as the incoming train passed, Dr. Insley is thought to have slipped from a snowbank into the path of the train, unobserved by friends waiting for him at the depot just a few feet away.

When he did not return to the depot, his friends searched the train thinking he may have already boarded. Not finding him, they searched the tracks and found him, unconscious, at the back of the train.

The Avalanche reports that the doctor was loaded on the train, which hurried back to Grayling. As a patient in the hospital which he had helped establish, Insley was found to have had both feet crushed, a severely fractured skull, a broken right arm and several other severe lacerations.

Dr. Keyport, working with Dr. Canfield, attended to Dr. Insley's injuries through the night, but also immediately sent for Dr. Leech of Saginaw. Prior to Dr. Leech's arrival, both of Insley's feet had to be amputated above the ankles.



GRAYLING MERCY HOSPITAL--Operated by the Sisters of Mercy, Grayling Mercy Hospital received its first patients in April, 1911. This original building was torn down in 1958.

When Dr. Leech arrived he conducted a thorough examination of Insley's injuries and announced that everything necessary had been done for the immediate situation. To treat Dr. Insley's skull fracture, the most serious of his injuries, Dr. Leech sent for Dr. Brooks, an eminent Detroit surgeon, who moved his patient to Harper Hospital.

Although Dr. Insley was said to be mentally out of sorts for a number of months after his tragic accident, he eventually made a full recovery and returned to Grayling, greeted by a welcoming crowd of hundreds of school children and well wishers at the depot. Shortly after, he

resumed his medical practice, making his rounds on artificial feet.

During his career, Dr. Insley was a member of many different medical associations on the state and national level. He also served as a member of the school board for more than 15 years and for several years was a member of the village council.

In the late autumn months of 1919, Dr. Insley became ill, suffering from Pernicious Anemia. Despite the efforts of Dr. Keyport and the bedside dedication of Anna and the Insley children, who are said to have never left his side during

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AuSable is lifeblood of Stephan family

The following story was written by Henry Stephan, Sr., in 1931, just three years before his death. The story and other memorabilia were put into booklet form by a daughter, Flora Stephan Skingley, and granddaughter, Marian Skingley Rokos, for members of the Stephan family for one of their many reunions.

Henry kept accurate journals of his expenses and income, including people he worked for and guided and miscellaneous notes about the types of work he did, such as wood cutting.

Henry was born Henri Staephen on the third day of the month of June, 1869, at 4 a.m. Rue du Carrefour, No. 293, Sotteville-les-Rouen, France, at the home of father and mother, son of Pierre Wilhelm Staephen, age 32, metal worker and of Helene Tinnes, age 32, unemployed.

He came to America with his mother, as his father and older brother, William, had come earlier. Records show that they were employed in Jackson, Michigan, and Carondolet, near St. Louis, Missouri, before the rest of the family arrived.

Henry was married to Lydia Annette Cook on Dec. 24, 1896, at the parsonage in Eldorado, Crawford County. He died on Feb. 19, 1934, and is buried in Elmwood Cemetery, Grayling.

Another chapter in the story of the Stephans will follow in the next Historical Keepsake Edition of the Crawford County Avalanche.

By Henry Stephan Sr.

I came to Grayling 52 years ago next August. I was then 11 years old; we came directly to



HENRY STEPHAN, SR. FAMILY—Back—L. to R., Flora, Theodore, Henrietta. Center—L. to R., Herbert, Lydia (Nettie) Stephan, Henry, Sr., Myrtle, Alva at his mother's knee and Henry, Jr. at his father's knee.

Grayling from LeHavre, France. My father brought his family here to take up a homestead and there were five boys and three girls, and with my mother, there were in all ten in the

family. There was no depot or hotel at Grayling then, so when the train stopped they dropped off what we had brought with us, a feather tick etc. Continued on page 6

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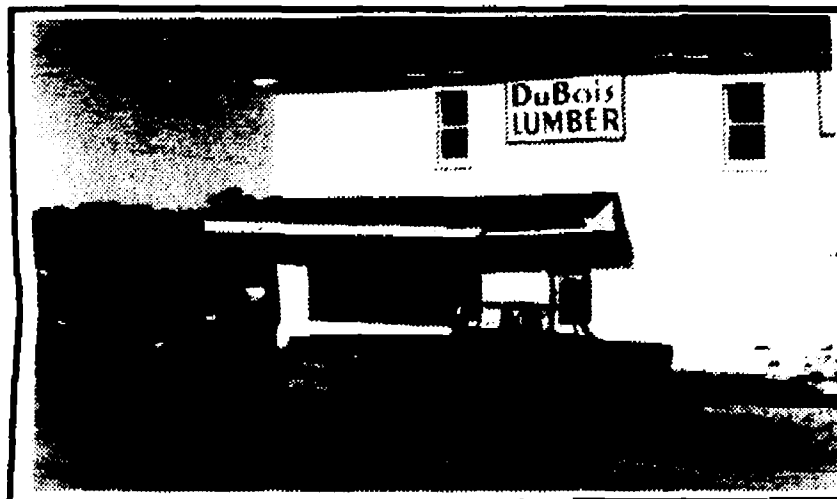
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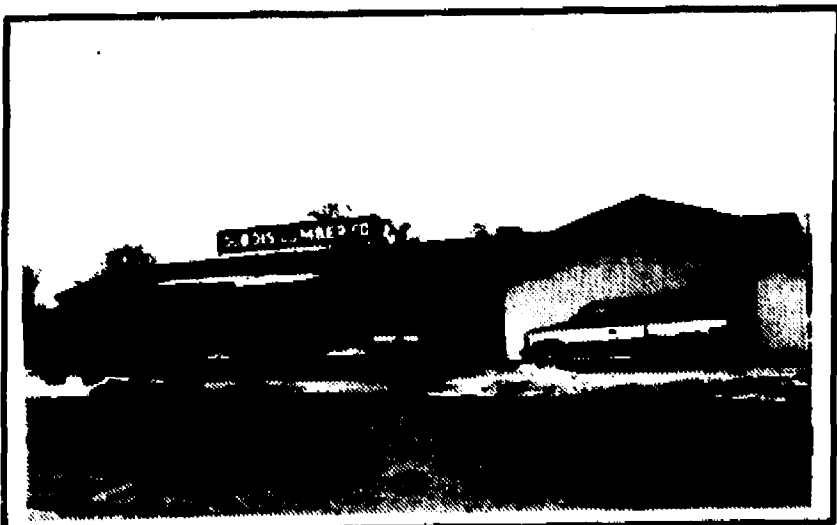


DuBois Before The Move in 1984

In 1984, Wyman moved one of the storage buildings across Norway Street adjacent to the railroad tracks, built a two story storage building and constructed the new showroom and office complex. This project consolidated the entire DuBois Lumber operation on the south side of Norway Street.

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My father then began looking around to hire a team to take us to Mrs. Horton's eight miles east of Grayling; he finally found one and hired it. There was a load on the wagon, so we all walked behind it. I can still remember that "Rube" Babbitt and Levi VanBuren were then cutting the road east of Grayling, some eight miles or so; it was noon when we came upon them and I can still see them frying pork in a frying pan and getting their dinner in the open.

We reached Mrs. Horton's homestead that evening and my Father rented her woodshed and we moved in; there was no floor in the woodshed. We also had to pay rent to bake bread in Mrs. Horton's oven, and soon my sisers all learned to bake bread. It was not very long before my father went to Grayling and bought lumber from Salling, Hanson Company and made a raft and started down stream 16 miles by river. His raft ran aground several times so he took off his shoes and rolled up his pants and waded to float his raft. On the way down, the sweepers (overhanging trees) swept his shoes and lunch off the raft and he could not find them. He was a tired and hungry man when he reached Jasper landing; this landing was one of very few places that had a wagon trail whereby one could get to the stream between Grayling and Wakeley's bridge.

When he started building he had to pay Levi VanBuren \$5.00 per trip to haul his lumber to the homestead situated NE1/4 of SW1/4 of Section Five T26N, Range 2 W, (near what is

now Stephan Bridge.) At first he built a leanto with the lumber and we moved into that until such time as he built his first house. I forgot to mention that Father could not buy bread in Grayling then so he had to buy a barrel of crackers instead for his large, hungry family. When we finally got the house built we cleared land for crops; at that time there were a number of settlers, whom I remember as Thomas Lound, Bradleys, Nick Shellenbarger, McKinley, Knetch, Bell and others. Frank Bell, one of the sons, is now a circuit judge in the Upper Peninsula. Nick Shellenbarger lived by hunting and fishing; he was the father of Grant, Welsey, Will and Charley. He would come to our house and say to my brother Will, "Let's go down the river to South Branch and get a deer." Those days there were no hunting seasons, so they would shine and kill two deer, one for each family.

Arriving at the mouth of the South Branch they would build a fire, cook and eat a meal then they would point their boat back upstream the 10 miles and spear grayling, suckers, and pilot fish. When they would get back to Nick's landing they generally had a tub full of fish which they would salt and store away.

Some of the first English language I learned, was to say, "Come in Nick." Nick came to our house often, so after hearing my oldest brother say this when he knocked at the door I picked it up. One day I was left alone at home and someone knocked at the door and I said "Come in Nick," but it turned out to be John Leece. He laughed so

hard he could hardly stand up. I was sent to school but could not talk English and the teacher could not talk French, so we just made signs to each other. Two of my old schoolmates are still living in Grayling—Mrs. William Foley (nee Lizzie Bradley) and Mrs. Charles Amidon, also a Bradley girl. Mrs. John Leece could speak French so she helped us with our English.

Something like forty years ago all of the people living in this county had a picnic on the banks of the AuSable River. The place where it was held is still known today as the picnic ground. Its location is the NE1/4 of SE1/4, Section 4, T26N, Range 2 West (between what are now Stephan and Wakeley bridges,) and the property is owned by Mr. Simon Ford of Bay City, Mich. But what a change 50 years had made in the location. Then it was covered with nice big yellow Norway and White pine trees and the ground was a carpet of pine needles. Not much underbrush, and it was a lovely spot.

When I had my first river boat of which I was very proud I had it carpeted with deer skin. I ferried people across the river, mostly girls. Fannie Lound was my queen in calico and I was her bashful, barefoot beau—and I was very bashful at that time.

My first experience going with a fishing party was when I was about 13 years old. I went as a camp boy, to watch camp and wash dishes, with old man Babbitt, Rube's father, and his three sons Archie, Walter, and Rube. They gave me 50¢ per week for watching camp; the party was from New York and they were here for grayling

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The Grayling Holiday Inn as it looked at its Grand Opening in June of 1972

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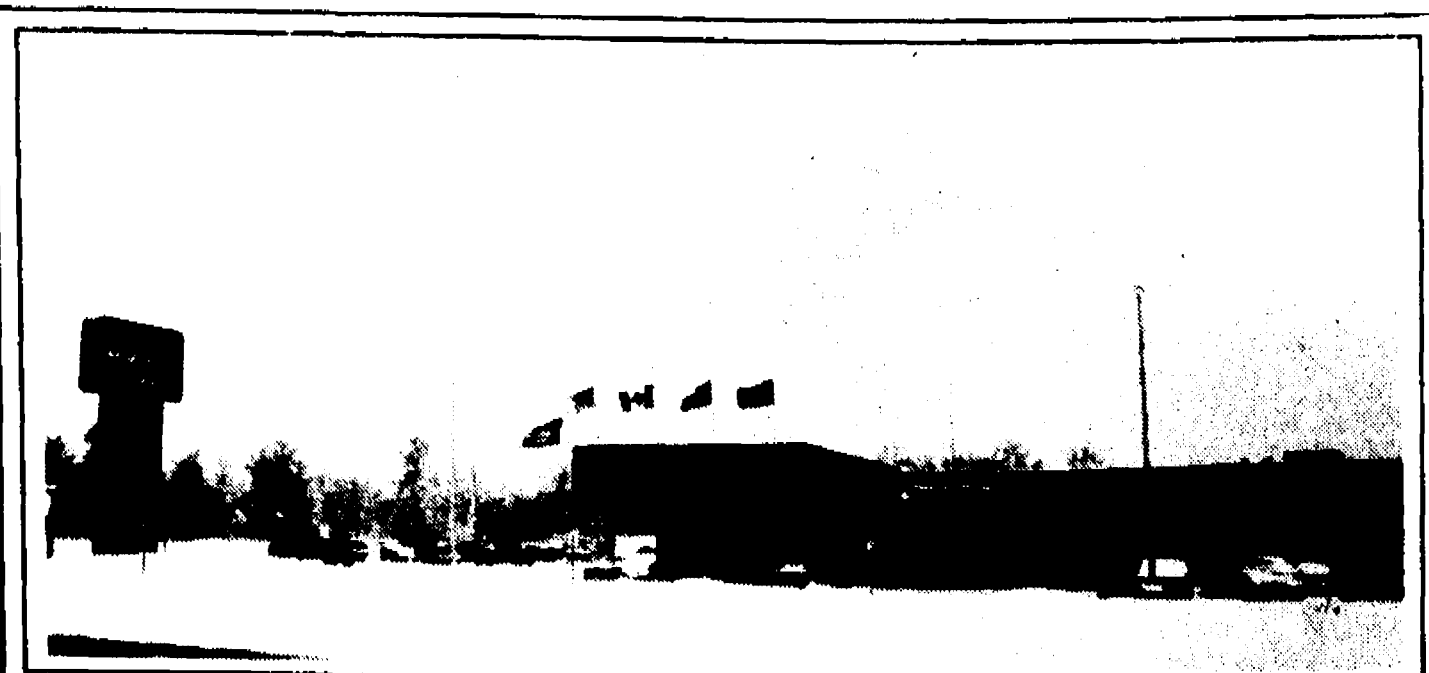
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Recently, the restaurant was remodeled to reflect the unique northern dining atmos-

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Stephan family on the AuSable River

fishing. From that time on I was old man Babbitt's camp boy. This camp was at Jasper's landing.

Old man Babbitt would make fish chowder; he would cook the whole day and I had to get dead oak wood as he would not use anything else, for the dead jack oak made a fine bed of live coals. I was young and growing then and used to eat half a gallon of his grayling fish chowder, and the rest of the party were very fond of it too.

My first time on the river fishing was with my brother Will, and we would anchor the boat in one spot for an hour or two and had three flies on leader. We'd hook a grayling playing it for a while, and then hook two more on the other two flies. While we were fishing along came Jasper West. He had made himself a new rod and reel. The rod was a very slender tamarack pole, straight, slim and limber, 8 1/2 feet long. The reel was a spool with a crank made of wire; he also had small staples for guides on the pole. He was very proud of it, and we, too thought it was a fine rod.

The first panful of grayling fish I ever saw was brought to our house by H. C. McKinley.

One of my early experiences was with Dave Shoppenagons. We had a party of two from New York fishing for grayling on the Manistee river. I slept with old "Shop" and we acted as guides for the fishermen.

Another experience I will never forget was on a hunting trip. My brother, Rube, and I were hunting, one warm day in October, and we came to the banks of the AuSable river at Norway
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THE ORIGINAL STEPHAN HOUSE—Pictured is the original house built by Peter William and Helen Thinnies Stephan at the top of the hill on the south side of the AuSable River on the west side of Stephan Bridge Road. This is where Henry Stephan grew up.

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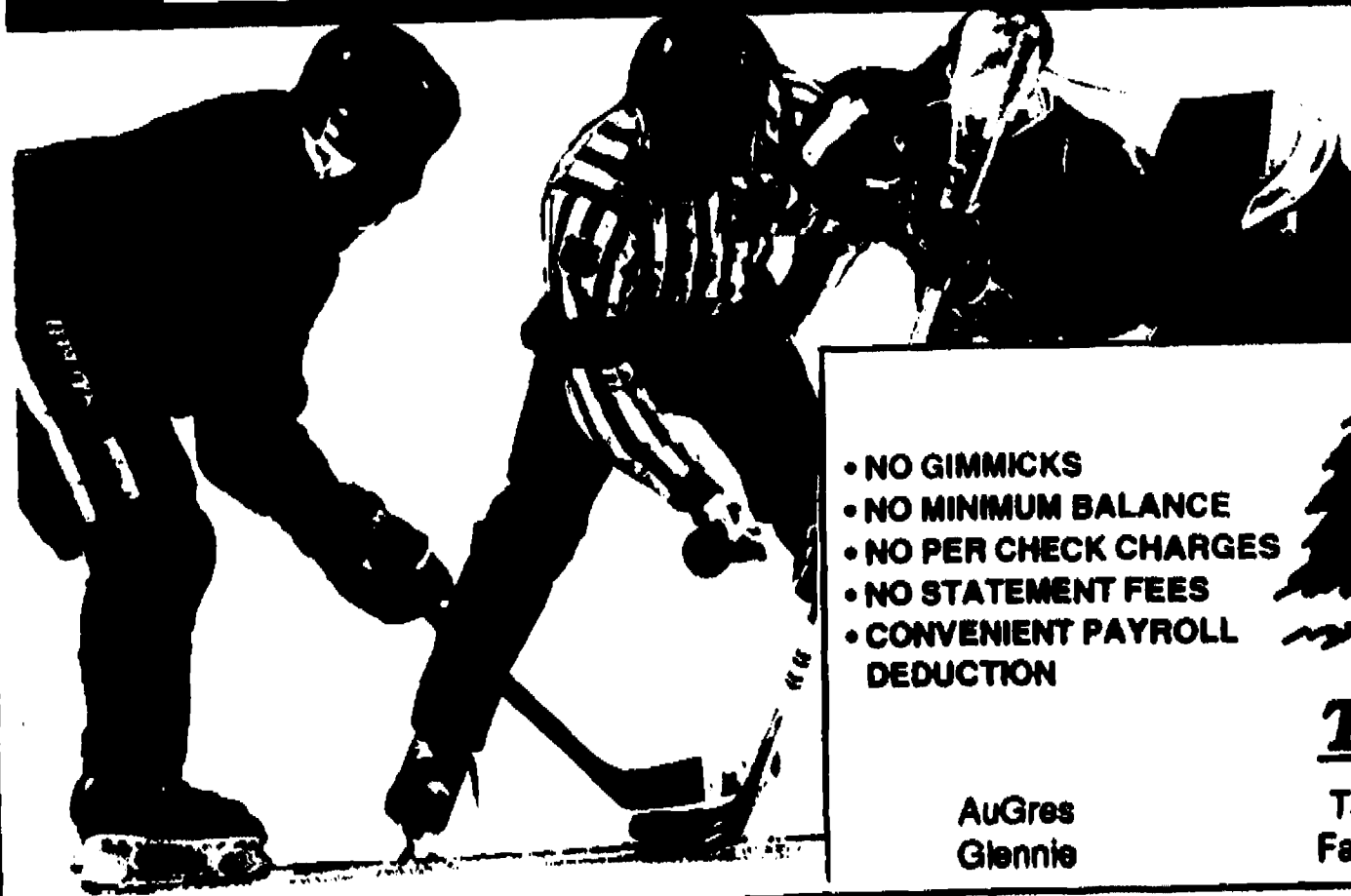
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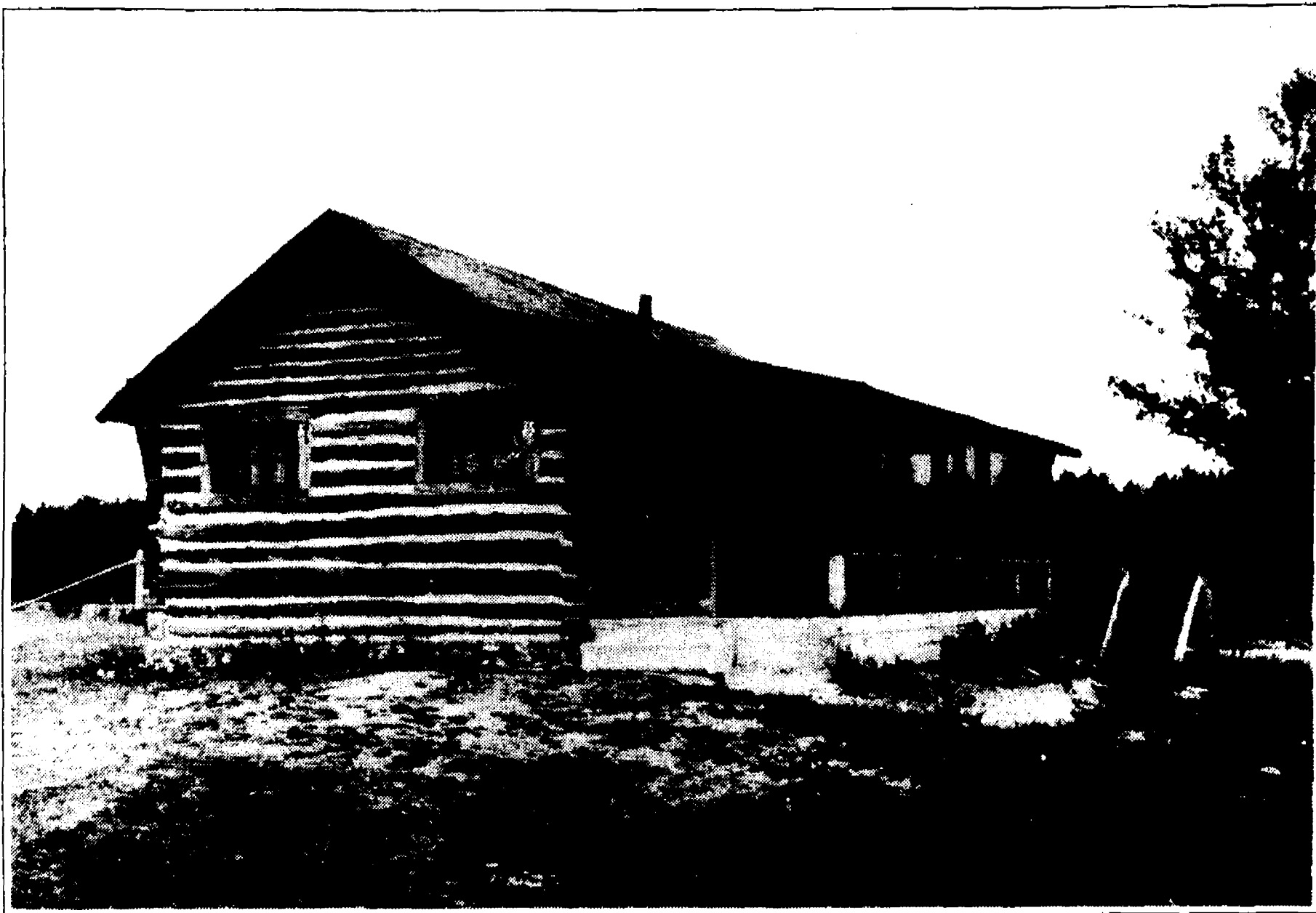
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AuSable is lifeblood of Stephan family



ONE OF STEPHAN'S CABINS--This squared-log cabin was one of the first built by the Stephan family along the AuSable River.

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Hole; we saw one grayling that kept rising in one place every so often, so Rube said, "Watch me catch that grayling. When he rises again, I'll shoot him." Rube shot and cut his throat. The fish floated and Rube waded in and caught it.

In 1896, I had a contract to catch 5,000 trout for the trout hatchery at Northville, Mich. I received

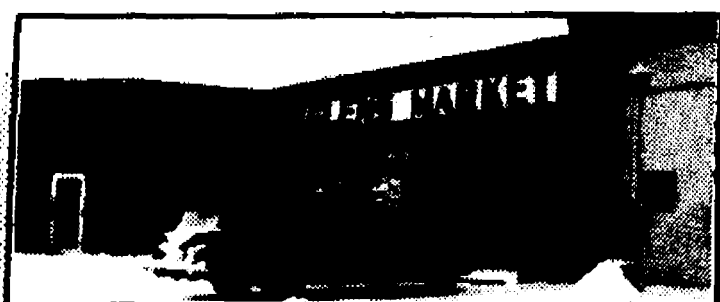
10¢ each. In the month of June I had caught 3,200 of them when along came a log drive which plugged the river for two miles below and two miles above. The water in the river went low on account of not having any rain for a long time. Fred Rose who was doing the log driving, hung up the drive for several weeks, so I had to postpone catching the balance of the trout until

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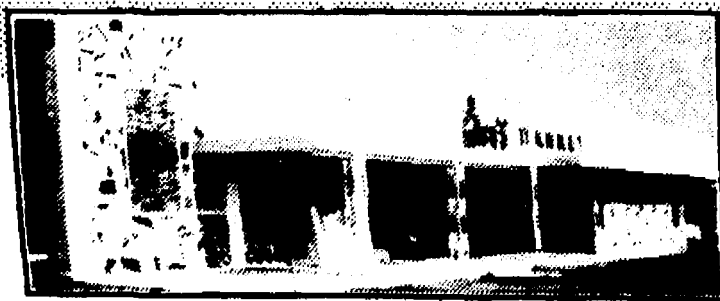
Then I leased a creek to Mr. Frank Clark, the superintendent of the fish hatchery at Northville, and he hired my brother John and I to take more spawn from trout and ship them to Northville. We did that for two seasons. I also had a permit to use a net on the East Branch but it was not very successful on that small stream. Later we did good work on the main stream with the nets during the spawning season in October and November. At that time we would still get some grayling in our nets. Old Purchase, who was game warden at that time, thought we ate some of them, but we did not; we returned them to the stream as they were diminishing fast.

To show force of habit, years ago when old man Babbitt (Rube's father) his sons, Archie, Walter, Rube and I would start down stream with a party, as boys would sit in the stern and paddle down but the father would stand up and pole his boat all the way down the 16 miles, altho his sons would ask him to sit down and paddle. He could not get away from his old ways.

This calls to my mind another incident when H. C. McKinley lived near here at McKinley lake. My brother Leon and I were hunting, also McKinley. Leon and I only had one gun between us, an old musket. It was raining, and McKinley had a black raincoat on. He reached up as a bear would reach for an acorn. My brother brought his gun up and said, "There's a bear," but McKinley quickly stepped out of sight. I am wondering if McKinley still remembers this.



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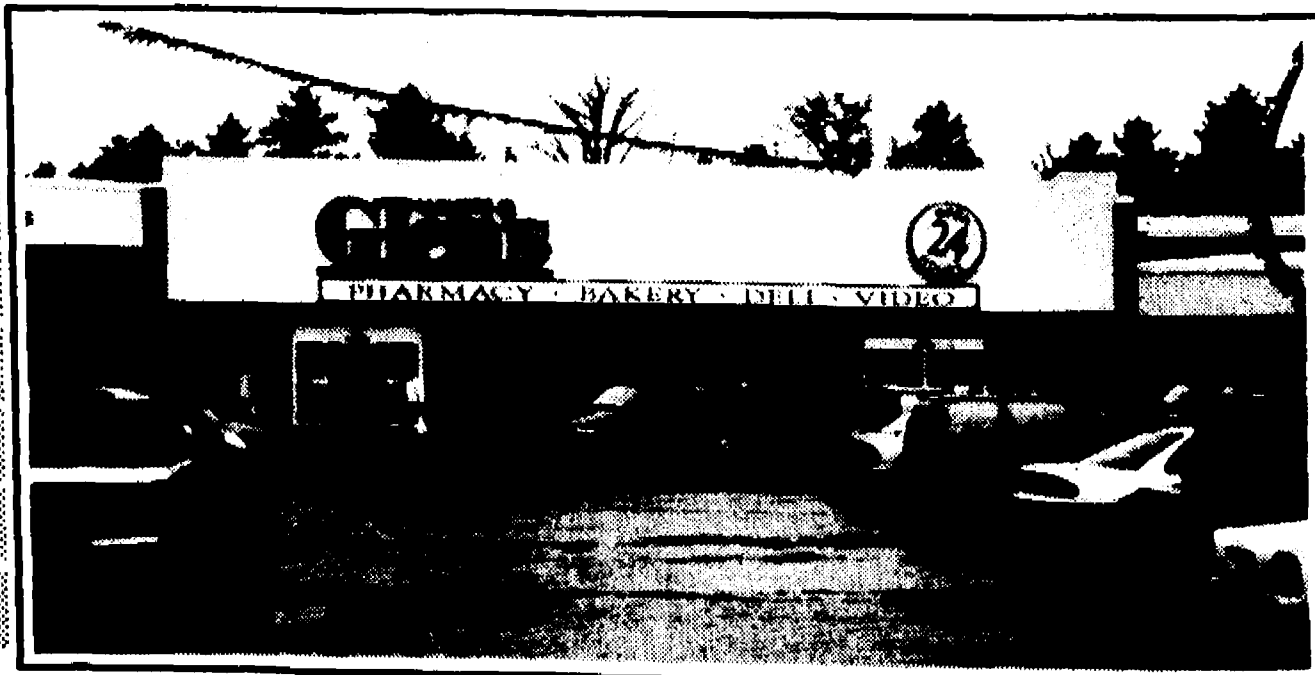
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Stephan family history

He is now some eighty years old.

Another thing that happened only once in my lifetime was finding one December, two beautiful 10 point deer horns, shortly after I fenced my sheep ranch with a woven wire fence. One day I saw a large buck track in freshly fallen snow. I followed it up to my fence and found by his tracks that he could not get over the fence, so he made a circle and hit that fence with all his weight and knocked off both horns. I picked them up on each side as he struck the fence. Those horns I gave to Frank Serven; he mounted them on a shield, and I think maybe he still has them.

I have seen many thousand feet of logs float down the old AuSable, and love log driving; eat 5 meals a day and walk to camp 8 or 10 miles after doing a hard day's work. I have taken several parties the whole length of the stream and always enjoyed the trips, floating down stream on the bosom of the beautiful, much-loved AuSable.

I have taken trips with Jack Marshall down the Manistee, the Black River, and other streams and they are all beautiful, but when we get back to the old main stream of the AuSable there is love for it that I cannot explain. Perhaps it is because I spent most of my life here on it.

I took a trip on a yacht with Mr. Geo. Schlotman

of Detroit (being his guest and guide when fishing for trout) on the grand north shore of Lake Superior, and it was grand; one caught brook trout up to 3 1/2 lbs. The streams and the lake were beautiful, but when I got back I could not help but notice the clearness of the water of the AuSable, I think the reason for this is that it winds through sandy country which filter its waters, hence its clearness. You know "AuSable" means, in French, "at the sands." Probably whoever named it years ago, named it that because it ran thru a sandy country.

My father loved this river so much that he bought 40 acres of land of Nels Michelson, so as to build and live on its banks.

Down below Foleys landing there is an island called "Fountain of Youth Island." It is said if you camp on it or linger on it, you retain your youthfulness. When I take a trip as far as this island, I always try to stop on it, pluck a leaf or a twig to renew my youthfulness. Being 64 years of age and troubled a little with high blood pressure.

Mrs. William Foley (nee Elizabeth Bradley) would be well qualified to give more history in regard to the Fountain of Youth Island.

My brothers and brother-in-law Rube Babbitt, were pioneers in boarding and guiding grayling and trout fishermen.

Once my brother John and I met George Pomeroy, guest of Mr. Mill and Mr. Clarence Brown at Simpson Lake (now the fur farm). We guided for them fishing for trout on the preserve and on the lake for bass. Pomeroy wanted them to take a trip down the AuSable, so we brought them down. They caught 100 trout. Each one fished late so they wanted to stay all night. My father and mother had no rooms so they slept on the hay in the barn. It was then that Mr. Brown suggested to John and I that we should build log cabins to accommodate fishermen. Now the streams have many fine places.

I have no great desire to catch a lot of trout now, being satisfied if I get a few to eat and being out fishing; enjoying wild life and the peacefulness of it all.

When the time comes for me to join "Shop" and "Rube" in the Happy Hunting Ground, I would like to have a resting place on the banks of the beautiful, beloved AuSable.

Today, descendants of Henry Stephan make up what is probably the largest single family in Crawford County. Our thanks go out to Fay Bovee, a Stephan descendant, for providing Henry Stephan's story.

1872--Railroad opened to settlement of "Crawford Station"

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1876--Chippewa Indian Chief David Shoppenagon, the Hansons, Michelsons and Olsons arrive in the area.

1879--Crawford County is established.

1880--The Stephan family settles on the AuSable River.

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Health care services in Crawford County have come a long way since the days of the logging camps. It was there that the Religious Sisters of Mercy first began their works of service to the community of Grayling, later reaching beyond the county line, and today serving over 45,000 residents in a 7-county area.

Prior to 1910, health care in Crawford and the surrounding counties reflected the area and its people. The land was primitive, the people tough, and medical facilities were a bit of both. It was a grim year of kitchen-table tonsillectomies, mid-wives, appalling infant mortality and human suffering. These conditions were accepted. The hardships were endured. Northern Michigan pioneers were a determined and realistic people. They were giving birth to a community. No one said it would be easy.

Clinging to a vision of better times, these settlers nursed northern Michigan through its infancy. They knew pain without benefit of anesthesia, and illness without hope. But they also knew compassion and shared the hope of a better tomorrow.

In Grayling, health services were rendered over Mac and Gidley's Drug Store, in rooms devoid of conveniences. Then came Rasmus Hanson.

Hanson, a property owner, called a committee together in 1910, to discuss the health needs of this community. Joining Hanson were other committee members, the Rev. Father John J. Reiss, Dr. Stanley S. Insley and Marius Hanson. They drew up plans for a hospital to stand as a monument erected by the lumbermen of northern Michigan. And the lumbermen were very generous.

In August 1910, ground was broken on a 5-acre site on North McClellan Street, donated by R. Hanson, O. Palmer and C. W. Ward. In April 1911, the 20-bed hospital opened, following the \$25,000 construction project.

Behind the efforts were the collective labors and dreams of countless people. Pioneer physicians and benefactors who have since become legend. Lumberjacks, farmers, and just plain "folks" whose contributions were immeasurable. Today their monument lies not in their individual names, but in the tradition of self help, which remains a source of area pride to this day.

It was the intention of the original board of trustees to turn the hospital over to the Religious Sisters of Mercy. They had heard of the wonderful work being done by the Sisters and were familiar with their other hospitals.

The board first contacted Mother Mary Gertrude, superior of the Sisters at their headquarters in the Big Rapids Hospital. Shortly thereafter, three Sisters were sent to Grayling: Sr. Mary Philip Fitzgerald, Sr. Mary Veronica O'Connell, and Sr. Mary Claver Bischoff.

The deed to the property was transferred to the Sisters immediately. On May 16, 1911, the hospital was incorporated under Michigan law and dedicated "to God and His people." For the next 76 years, until 1986, when Sister Mary Ellen Howard, RSM, left Grayling, a Sister of Mercy would serve in a leadership role as hospital administrator.

The Sisters of Mercy staffed and nurtured the newborn medical facility. As resourceful as the community they served, these Sisters matched the stamina of their tough contemporaries. They tramped the lumber camps of Frederic, Deward, Johannesburg and Lewiston, asking for money for the hospital. They raised cattle, and tended not only the sick, but the gardens which kept them fed.

Mercy Hospital was a bare building with rough, plastered walls, undraped windows and hardly enough furniture for the two wards and six private rooms. Kerosene lamps were the only lights. When electricity was eventually installed, it was available only from 7 to 9 a.m. on Wednesdays and Saturdays. The hospital had no ice. Later

some was cut from the swamp and transferred after dark, to a locked flour barrel in the hospital.

The Sisters slept in the attic. It was hot in the summer and cold in the winter. However, they fashioned a living room from a cool, windowless room in the basement.

Milk and butter could not be purchased, so the Sisters resourcefully persuaded the owners of the local lumber camps to provide them with dairy cattle in exchange for health care at the hospital. Later, a local farmer started a dairy farm and it was no longer necessary to raise their own cattle, so the Sisters sold their stock.

The hospital grounds were littered with rubbish and heaps of sand from the construction. The Sisters could not get grass or trees to grow. After a great deal of work and coaxing, some of the trees, shrubs and grass survived.

From that time on, things began to improve.

1912: The kitchen was enlarged.

1913: X-ray equipment was purchased, making it possible to repair bones on site.



Original Mercy Hospital built in 1911



The expanded Mercy Hospital building after the first major renovations.



Mercy Manor as it looks today. This extended care facility first opened in 1970

AT MERCY HOSPITAL: *for our community*

1914: Two nurses were graduated. Until that time, the Sisters had done it all. Also, the interior and exterior were painted.

1915: Laundry improvements and an underground fuel room was built. A cross was erected atop the building, porches were screened in and an ambulance was purchased.

Still, most of the patients came by horse and buggy in the summer, and by bobsled in the winter.

Between 1920 and 1927, a laboratory was added, as well as an electric lamp for the well. An electric hospital sign was added to the front.

1927-1931: A new operating table was added, a tiled floor in the operating room, some new furnishings were purchased and the building was repainted inside and out. Other additions between these years included two Frigidaires, an oil furnace, an electric range, trellises and flower gardens.

Until 1932, patients were physically carried up and down the stairs. That year, an elevator was added. This meant real progress. The elevator was donated by a Chicago man who had received it from a New York woman who summered in Grayling.

About this time, the Civilian Conservation Corp camps were established and a private hospital in Gaylord closed. All of this overtaxed Mercy Hospital. Not long afterwards, the beautiful Graham home on Peninsular Avenue was given to the hospital as a home for the Sisters and nurses. The third floor of the hospital could now be used entirely for patients. The hospital then had a capacity for 50 patients.

By 1950, even more crowding forced a drive to acquire funds for a new hospital. It would have to be on another site, however. The fund drive began in July 1953.

Mercy Hospital's present location on Michigan Avenue was acquired for the new hospital, with the flowing AuSable River in its backyard. The new building was completed in 1958, blessed and dedicated in July of that year.

Ten years later, the 40-bed extended care facility, Mercy Manor, was begun and completed in two short years.

In 1981, construction was completed on the newest addition of the hospital, bringing Mercy Hospital to a 90-bed acute care facility and connecting it with Mercy Manor. This \$10 million addition was supported by the Mercy Hospital Community Advisory Board, made up of citizen volunteers. These ambitious volunteers raised over \$500,000 for the project.

Since 1911, Mercy Hospital and the communities it serves have walked hand-in-hand with progress. Along with business opportunities, population growth and cultural advancements has come health care designed to meet the growing needs of a growing area.

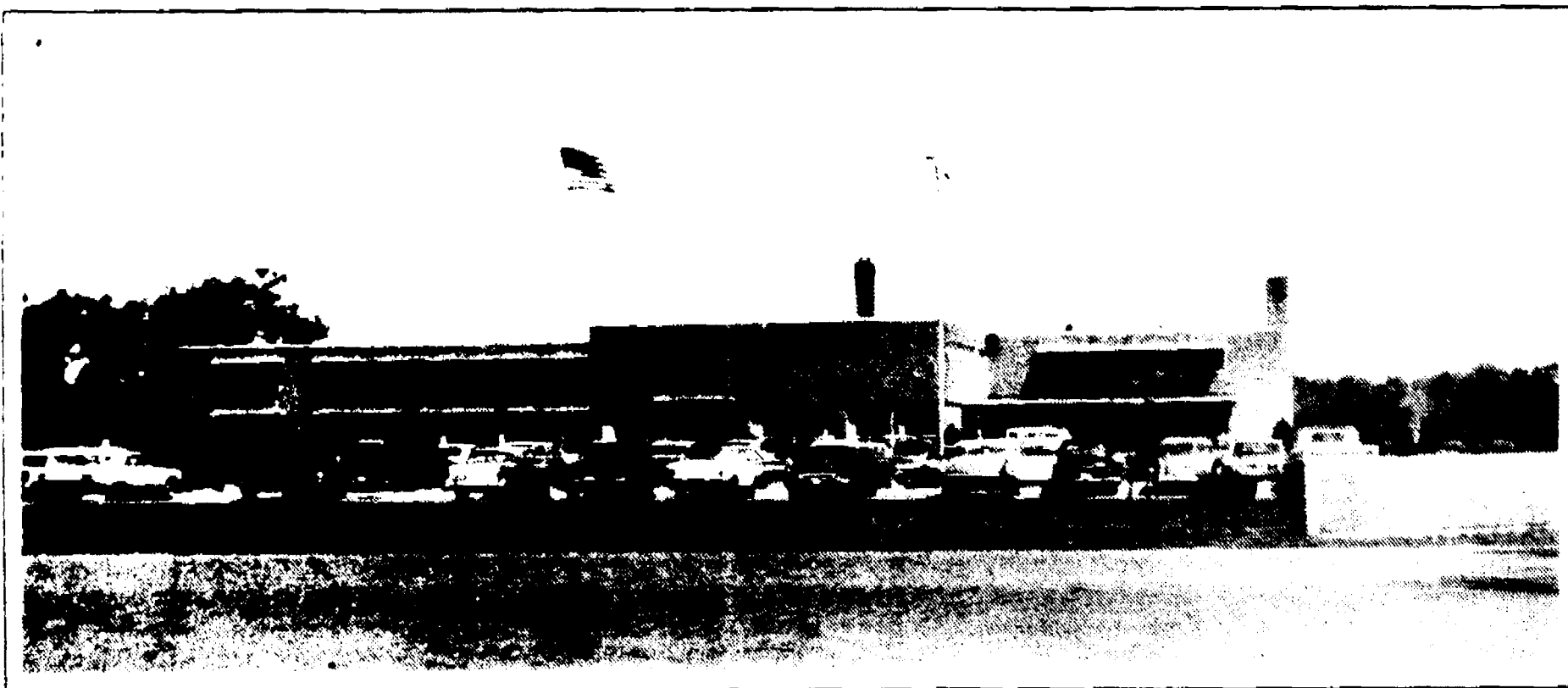
Today, the seven counties served by Mercy Hospital are among the fastest growing in the State of Michigan. Mercy has evolved into the largest community healthcare system in northern Michigan, with hospitals in Grayling and Cadillac, rehabilitation centers, renal dialysis clinics and Amicare Home Healthcare offices in several locations, physician offices, a domestic violence shelter and child care center.

Throughout all this, our mission hasn't changed. Mercy remains a values-based organization and integral member of the Grayling community. We place great emphasis on providing quality service which respects the dignity and uniqueness of each person. We further recognize the need to do so with mercy and justice and a preferential option for the economically disadvantaged.

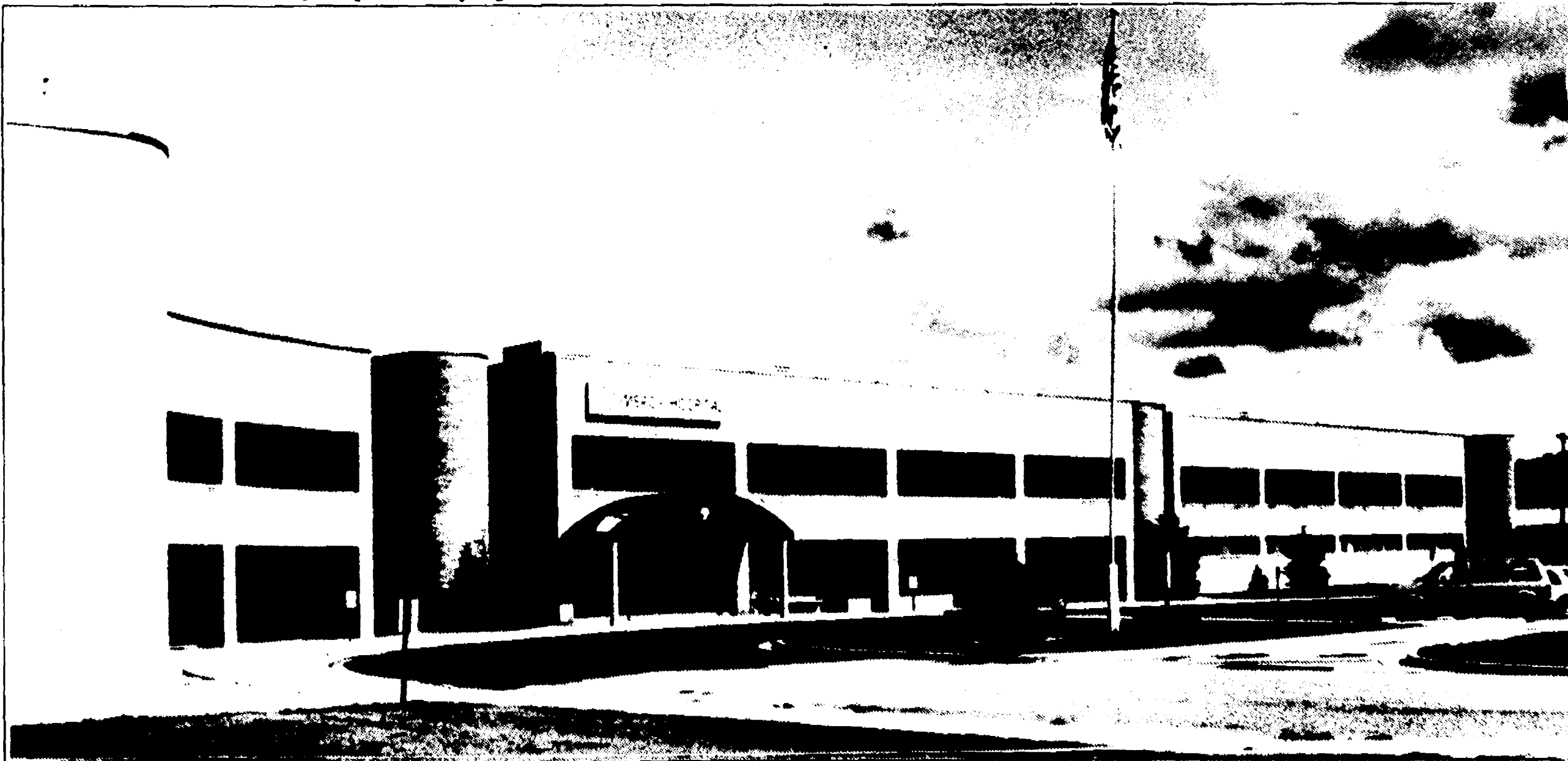
Today, the hospital is Crawford County's largest employer with over 400 employees. It continues the tradition of service and caring first begun by the Sisters of Mercy in 1911.



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The new Mercy Hospital of Grayling when it was first built on Michigan Avenue in 1957.



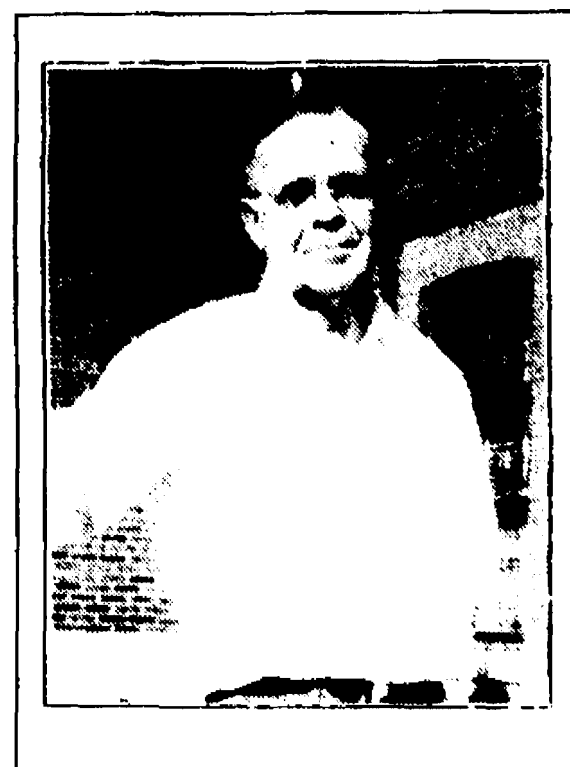
Mercy Hospital today. The \$10 million addition was completed in 1981.

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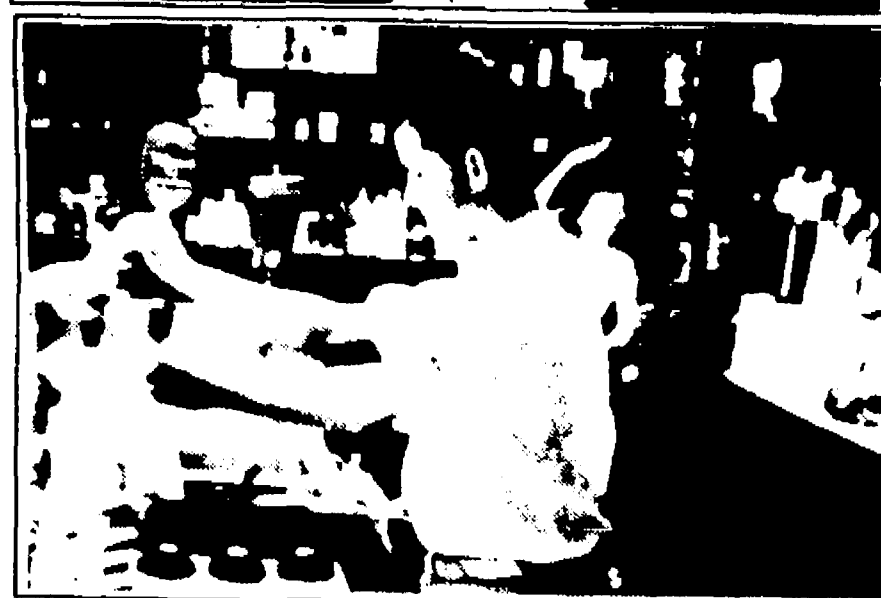
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Wellington Batterson; Beaver Creek homesteader

By Howard Taylor

"I remember Judge Batterson like it was yesterday. I was only 6 years old then. The year was 1921, and I was visiting the judge at his Crawford County home. He was my grandfather. I remember he showed me his old leather money pouch, his jackknife and a very large, old, key-wind pocket watch; and he told me stories about each item. Then he took my hand, shook it and said, 'Wellington, this hand of mine that you shook, also shook the hand of old Abe Lincoln in the City of Washington in 1864. That was one of the last opportunities I had to talk with my grandfather.'"

This was a recollection conveyed by National Historian Wellington W. Batterson, grandson of the late Judge Wellington Batterson, and his first wife Marion Reed Batterson.

Wellington Batterson was born on Dec. 3, 1844, at Chemung, New York, to Joseph Batterson and Abigale Reed Batterson. Little is known of Wellington's early life. It is known that he was next in a long line of Battersons that made its way back to the signing of the Magna Carta in 1215, at Runnymede, a meadow beside the Thames River southwest of London. Historians in Cambridge, England, have confirmed the fact that a 'Batterson Knight' was present at the signing of this famous document which forced King John to recognize that the government should be one of laws and that the

rights of the individual citizen must be protected. It was perhaps from this event that the strong conviction to human rights and ever faithful dedication to country was instilled into the Batterson family, traits that are still strong to this day.

It was in 1642, that the Battersons made their way from the English countryside to the uncharted wilderness of Massachusetts, where they settled and began a new life, with a new allegiance to what would become a new country. In 1704, under the auspices of Queen Anne, the Batterson Construction Company, (which had existed in England prior to the immigration to Massachusetts and, still exists to this day,) was commissioned to construct docks and warehouses on Long Island in an effort that would provide a stronger foothold for their fatherland in the New World.

The facts of Wellington's early life are not yet available. It is known that when he was 14 years old, he was indentured to a law firm where he worked for four years. Although this period of time provided no formal education in the area of jurisprudence, it was a significant time, and later had a profound affect upon the events which took place in northern Michigan.

By the year 1860, it was quite evident to every citizen of this nation that trouble was brewing over the slavery and state's rights issues. During

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WELLINGTON BATTERSON
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In 1827, Catherine opened the House of Mercy. It was a house she designed and built with her inheritance. It served as a school for young women who needed to develop job skills, a shelter for the suffering and homeless, and home to Catherine McAuley and a small group of women who shared her vision. From the House, these women went out into the neighborhoods of the city taking care and comfort to people in need. Four years later, Catherine McAuley founded the Religious Sisters of Mercy in which Amicare Home Healthcare is rooted.

It wasn't until March 1985, that the Sisters of Mercy Health Corporation established a comprehensive home care program to serve those communities where a Mercy hospital existed. This was a first step in designing what we now call a Community Healthcare System, where healthcare is provided in a variety of settings—at home, in a clinic, hospital or nursing home, and in the doctor's office—this ensures that people receive

the right care, in the right setting at the right time. The Grayling Amicare branch, now celebrating its tenth year, is affiliated with the Mercy Health Services North Community Healthcare System.

Mercy home care initiative started as two companies, Amicare Home Health Services and Amicare Home Health Resources, both incorporated in the fall of 1985.

One year later, there were Amicare branches in many Mercy Community Healthcare Systems, including Grayling, and Amicare had begun to provide extended services through Amicare Services, Inc.

The first Grayling Amicare office was located at Grayling Mercy Hospital. A ribbon-cutting ceremony marked the opening of the Amicare branch under the leadership of Sister Jean Marie Umlor, RSM. Three home health aides and an office manager developed the program. It wasn't long until a new office location was needed for the growing service.

Today, the Grayling office is located at 125 Michigan Avenue with over 100 staff members serving patients and their families in the ten-county surrounding community. The mission of Amicare is to respond to individual and community needs by providing health services and resources to persons in their homes. These services and resources include home medical equipment, extended hour nursing and supportive services, and intermittent visit services.

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Last year Amicare expanded to include hospice services. Amicare Hospice Services provides comfort, support and compassionate care to terminally ill people and their families in a manner that respects the dignity of each individual. Services include nursing, social work, respite care, spiritual care and bereavement support as well as trained volunteers to assist families.

Home is more than a place to stay. It is a favorite chair, a beloved pet, a treasured memory, someone you love. But, sometimes illness, a chronic condition or a disability or even age can make living at home a problem. Mercy Amicare Home Healthcare and Hospice Services can offer the help you or some one you love needs to remain in the comfort of home.

When your doctor suggests home care, ask for Amicare, one of original home care agencies serving Crawford and the surrounding communities. Or call for more information about Amicare's home care services and home medical equipment at 348-4383 or 800-424-1457.

Battersons live in Beaver Creek, Frederic

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these significant times, members of the Batterson family were present in Jackson, on July 6, 1854, when the Republican Party was founded, and again in Chicago at the Convention of 1860, when Abraham Lincoln defeated William Seward for the nomination to the office of President of the United States.

With the firing on Fort Sumpter in Charleston, South Carolina, in April of 1861, it was quite evident to everyone that civil war was inevitable. Calls for troops were issued by both the North and the South, and on Sept. 13, 1862, Wellington Batterson exchanged the protection and comfort of a New England law firm and took on the discomfort and uncertainty of a Civil War Soldier. He traveled to Nunda, New York, where he enlisted in Company I of the First New York Cavalry, an organization which became better known as the fabled New York Dragoons.

During the course of his affiliation with the New York Dragoons, Wellington participated in more than 50 battles. Significant among those were the Second Battle of Manassas or Bull Run, Gettysburg and Cold Harbor, where 7,000 of General Grant's men fell in the first 30 minutes of the battle to southern sharpshooters. In 1864, the Dragoons were called back to Washington, D.C., to help protect the capitol from an anticipated invasion by General Lee. Upon their arrival, the Dragoons were made part of the Army of the Potomac and were placed under the leadership of General McClellan. As a result of actions from that point

of the war, Wellington Batterson moved south with his Corps under the command of General Phil Sheridan. He was in the area when Lee retreated from Richmond and the Stars and Stripes were raised over the Confederate Capitol. He was part of the chase as Lee made his escape to Lynchburg, and he was there as Grant closed the jaws of the northern trap. Later, on April 9, 1865, the young law clerk from New York was present and personally witnessed the signing of the surrender at Appomattox Court House.



Prior to his enlistment into the New York Dragoons, Wellington Batterson had fallen in love with Marion Reed. Due to the uncertainty of war, the young couple decided to postpone their marriage until a more stable time. They were married in the fall of 1865. Their first born was a daughter who was named Frances. Frances Batterson later was the first school teacher at Pere Cheney. Also born to the couple were

three sons, Herbert, Walter and Elmer Lester.

As a result of his participation in the Civil War, Wellington Batterson was granted 160 acres of land in Crawford County, under the provisions of an Act of Congress approved on May 20, 1862. In 1878, he and his young family made their way to northern Michigan, where they took up residence on their newly acquired land. He cleared 30 acres of the land which was located in Beaver Creek Township, and constructed a house and some outbuildings. His first crops were corn, potatoes, wheat and clover.

It is quite likely that Wellington became involved in local government, although records of this have not been found. His presence was known in 1879, for on March 22 of that year, the County of Crawford, State of Michigan was officially organized and divided into townships. The village of Pere Cheney in Center Plains Township, was selected for the County Seat and Wellington Batterson, because of his previous experience as an intern in a law office, was appointed Judge. He was kindly referred to by that title for the remainder of his life. He was later elected to the office of Probate Judge. He was re-elected to that office for several terms.

By 1881, many farmers had moved into Beaver Creek Township, and it was during this same time period that Judge Batterson began working on an organizational program for the farming area near his homestead. The Judge was successful in convincing the Postal Department that a post office was needed, and on Dec. 6, 1881, the Post Office of Wellington was

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commissioned in Beaver Creek Township, with Thaddeus E. Hastings being appointed its first postmaster. The office was closed in 1918.

Five years after his arrival in Crawford County, Wellington walked to Reed City to officially file his homestead claim in the only Federal Land Office in the area, an action which was required by the Congressional Law. On the fifth day of December of 1884, Wellington Batterson's Land Patent was signed by President Chester A. Arthur. That event, however, was not necessarily a happy one, for on Dec. 28 of that same year, his beloved wife Marion passed away. She was laid to rest in Jackson, Michigan.

There are several events in the life of Judge Batterson during the years of 1885 and 1886, that are somewhat obscure, but none the less are important. Probably the first, and most significant event historically was the "hoist" of the county records from the existing seat of county government in Pere Cheney, and the burning of the building which was being used as a court house. The records were found the next day in a bar in Grayling, custody of the records being claimed by some prominent Grayling businessmen.

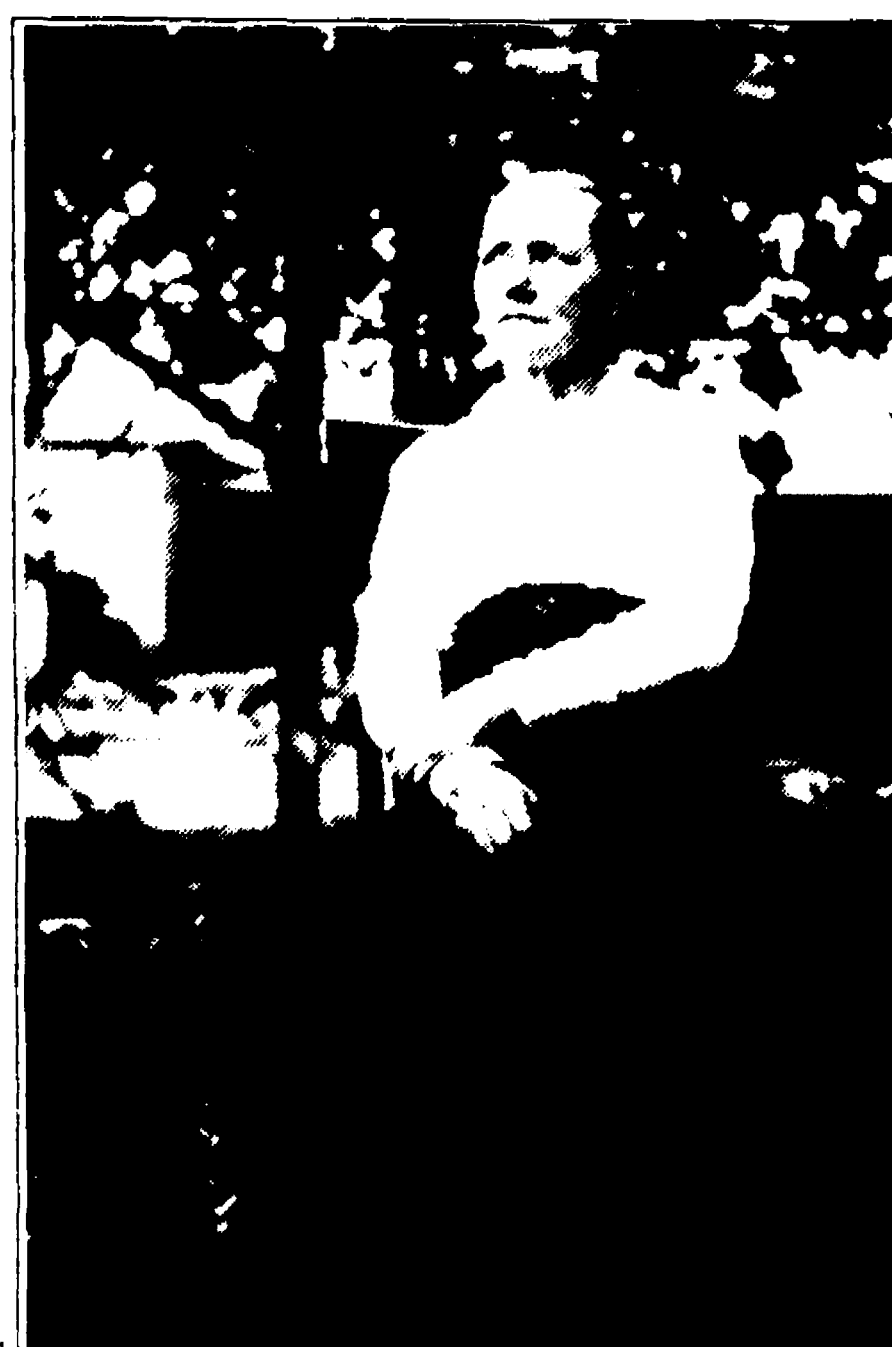
To this day, it has not been clearly defined who made the "moonlight acquisition," but there can be no doubt as to the purpose. Even though this act greatly infuriated the Judge, there was little he could do about it. The businessmen convinced the Judge to look upon the incident with leniency, and in exchange they offered to construct a new court house in Grayling. During this same period of time, Judge

Batterson moved from his homestead in Beaver Creek to Grayling, where he built a house in the village. The construction of the promised County Court House was completed in 1886.

In 1888, Judge Batterson married Nancy Flagg, and moved to a farm in Frederic Township near the AuSable River. It was here that the Judge spent the remainder of his life. He died there on Aug. 1, 1923. His funeral service was held in the farmhouse on Aug. 9, and he was laid to rest in the Frederic Cemetery. The road upon which the farmstead was located now carries the family name.

Upon the death of Judge Batterson, there was in his home the Batterson Family Bible and an original oil painting of Watkins Glenn, New York. Both of these items are now missing from the family's collection. It is believed that they may still be somewhere in the area. The Bible would be evident by the Batterson Family history which it contains. The oil painting can be identified by a small tear in the lower right hand corner. If anyone has any information regarding these two items, they are asked to contact either the *Crawford County Avalanche* or call 1-800-624-0221.

The Wellington Post Office has now been closed for almost 80 years, but the mail boxes still exist and can be seen in the Crawford County Historical Museum in the old Grayling Depot. As for the community of Wellington, it is still a viable agricultural community, soon to be re-discovered as Wellington Farm Park opens its gates on May 25, 1996. Beginning at that time, area residents and visitors alike can visit



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Wellington and experience agricultural living as it existed in an earlier time. Future plans for Wellington Farm Park include the possibility of a Judge Wellington Batterson Museum along with the year-round historic/recreation area. More information about Wellington Farm Park can be obtained from the Grayling Area Chamber of Commerce or by calling 1-800-624-0221.

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The Bourrie family tradition began in 1966, with the purchase of Long's Restaurant. Today, the family continues this tradition through the operation of three separate establishments.

In 1957, Jim and Joyce Bourrie and their three daughters, Kathy, Susan and Cheryl, moved to Grayling from Cadillac, Michigan. Jim was manager at the B&C Supermarket, (now McLeans Hardware). Shortly after locating in Grayling, their son Garfield was born, the last baby born in the old Mercy Hospital, on Dec. 5, 1957.

Jim and Joyce purchased Long's Restaurant, which Joyce managed for four years. In January, 1970, they bought the Grayling Restaurant. Jim worked both restaurants and maintained his full-time job for one year. In 1971, he began devoting his full energies to both restaurants and serving the people of Grayling. In 1973, he closed Long's Restaurant. All four children worked at both restaurants while growing up. Today, Jim and Joyce have eight grandchildren, the four older children are either working or have worked at the restaurant.

Spike's Keg O'Nails was purchased by Kathy (Bourrie) Ashton

Edwards in May, 1980. Spike's has over a 60-year legacy in Grayling. Kathy has kept up the "Meeting Place of the North" tradition that has customers continuing their long



Jim & Joyce Bourrie with their grandchildren (back row, left to right) Darcie, Aaron, Jim, Heather & Cheryl. (front row, left to right) Brian, Joyce, Joseph and Jamie.

family custom of stopping for a "Spikeburger." Kathy also has a full-time job at the Crawford AuSable Schools.

On Jan. 13, 1975, Susan (Bourrie) McCurdy opened the Golden Touch Beauty Salon in the former Long's Restaurant building. The salon offers a large selection of hair services, together with a very popular tanning salon. Renovations on the front of the building were made in 1993, after which the salon was renamed, Golden Touch Hair Design.

Cheryl (Bourrie) Millikin currently oversees the administrative paperwork for the Grayling Restaurant. She and her husband, David, established Northern Whitetails Ranch in 1988. In the fall of 1994, they began offering whitetail deer hunts. Cheryl is also working full time at the Crawford AuSable Schools.



Grayling Restaurant as it looked in 1939 (top) and as it looks today. The Bourries have made it a popular eatery in the area for the past 25 years.

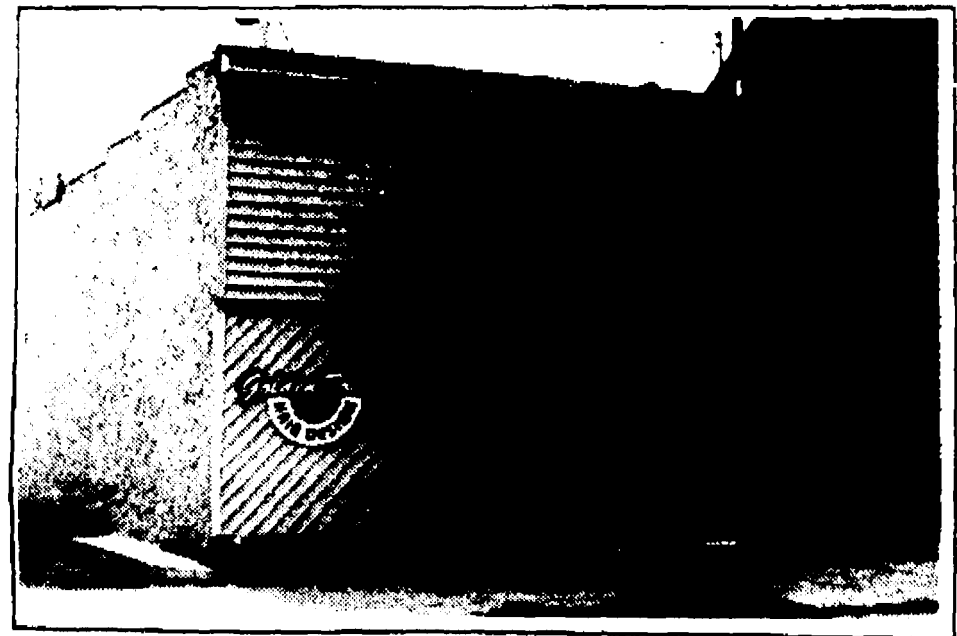


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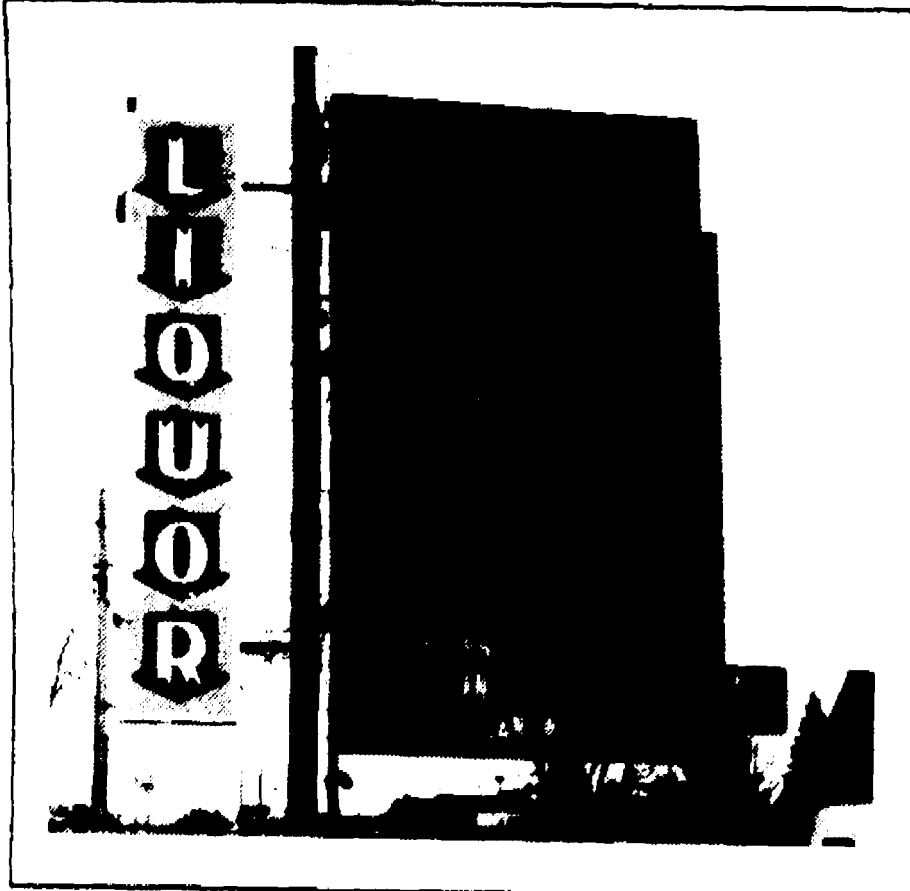
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Currently the three businesses employ a total of 38 persons.



Golden Touch Hair Design has occupied this building since 1975. Previously, it was the home of Long's Restaurant.



Spike's Keg O'Nails, continuing a tradition of being the "Meeting place of the North," started 60 years ago by "Spike" McNeven.

Crawford established as a new county

By Linda Sherwood

Crawford County was established in 1840 by an act of legislature, however, the county was never organized until March 22, 1879 and organized into townships by the legislative body in Lansing.

Before being organized, Crawford County was part of Cheboygan County for 10 years, then attached to Antrim County for six years and was a part of Kalkaska County for 10 years.

When formed as a county on March 22, 1879, Crawford County was home to five townships: South Branch, Frederic, Center Plains, Mapel Forest and Grayling (Throughout the Board of Supervisor's minutes, Maple Forest is spelled "Mapel Forest"). During its first year as a county, Crawford expanded the number of townships with the addition of Grove, Beaver Creek and Ball.

When Crawford became a county, it was necessary to settle legal matters with Kalkaska County. In order to do that, a special committee made up of Supervisors David Shoop, John Hum, M. S. Hartwick and Jacob Steckert was established to form a joint committee with Kalkaska County members. The first meeting was May 28, 1879. Crawford County Supervisor Steckert was chosen as the chairman of the joint committee.

The trip to Kalkaska was not easy. The supervisors had to ride the train to Frederic, walk 20 miles along a "trail" from Frederic to Mancelona where they would hop a train to Kalkaska.



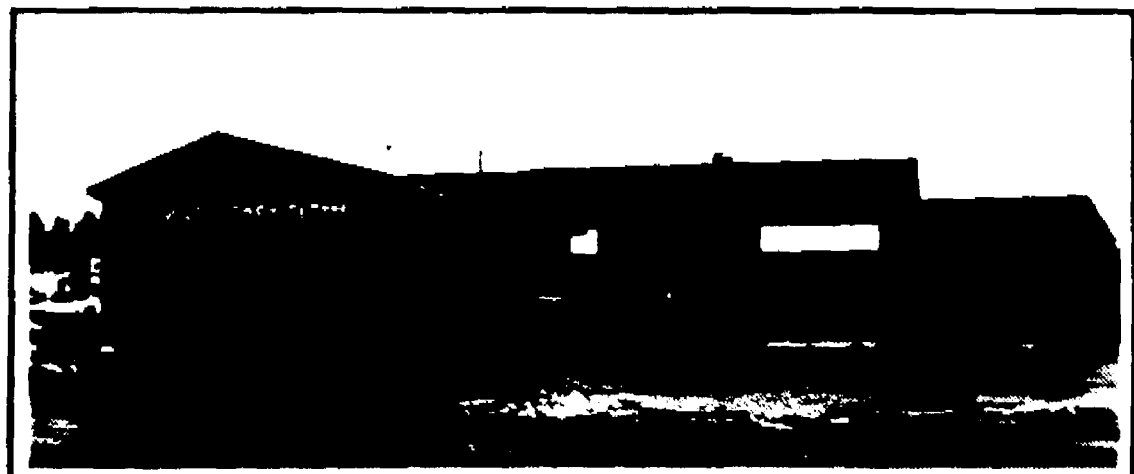
THE SECOND CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE--Erected in 1901, this building on Michigan Avenue replaced an earlier building that was completely destroyed by fire. This building was torn down in 1967 and replaced with the present courthouse complex at the west end of Michigan Avenue.

The joint committee was unable to come to a final settlement "on account of the report of county expenses not being ready nor the neglected taxes being known so the joint committee has adjourned until Oct. 15th 1879 at the court house of Kalkaska. Kalkaska County to be met by the full board of the County of Crawford," according to the minutes of the board of supervisors.

Months before the final location of the county seat was established, the board formed a committee on county buildings, another committee was formed for organizing new townships and hearing applications for townships. The committee on county buildings was reporting to the board at least four months before the location of the county seat was decided.

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Crawford established as a new county

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On the morning of July 28, 1879 in Pere Cheney, the Crawford County Board of Supervisors called to order a special meeting at 10 a.m. with a full board present.

The Board of Canvassers read their minutes regarding the location of the county seat. Supervisor Jacob Steckert made the following resolution, which was approved by the entire board of supervisors voting aye, according to the board's minutes.

"Resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Crawford County now in session after hearing the report of the County Canvasser on a Special Election held for the Location of the County Seat. The Village of Grayling having received the majority of Votes therefore be it hereby resolved that the Board of Supervisors declare the permanent location of the County seat of Crawford County at the Village of Grayling in aforesaid County and State of Michigan."

The board then voted to adjourn and to reconvene in the new county seat later that afternoon.

After the location of the county seat was settled, a location was needed to build the courthouse. The Railroad Company gave the county the deed to some land in order to build the courthouse. The courthouse was built where Grayling State Bank is now located on Michigan Avenue. The Board of Supervisors then approved a contract with Henry Miller of Saginaw to construct the county building on October 22, 1879.

The Board of Supervisors received a report

from the equalization committee reporting assessed and equalized value of the various townships in the county. On Oct. 23, 1879, there were five townships in the county. The largest township was Center Plains with the assessed value of \$258,655 and an equalized value of \$243,655. The smallest township was South Branch with an assessed and equalized value of \$70,608. Grayling township was the second largest with an equalized value of \$161,644. Mapel Forest and Frederic were close in size with assessed values of \$131,417 and \$120,298 respectively.

The board apportioned the state and county taxes for 1879 among the townships as follows:

Township	County	State
South Branch	\$ 776.68	105.75
Center Plains	2,680.20	365.47
Grayling	1,778.08	242.46
Mapel Forest	1,529.31	208.53
Frederic	1,323.27	180.43

On April 21, 1880, the Board of Supervisors received two petitions to organize the townships of Ball and Beaver Creek. Both petitions were referred to the Committee on Organization of Towns made up of Supervisors Hum, Davis and Bell.

The Supervisors organized Beaver Creek, which was formerly part of the township of Center Plains. Supervisor Davis formed the motion stating, "whereas application has been made to your Honorable Body by Abraham

Allen and others according to Law for the Organization of a new township to be called and known by the name of Beaver Creek consisting of Township 25NR4W now a part of Center Plains Township, now therefore be it resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Crawford County now in session that the Prayers of said Petitioners be granted and that Wellington Batterson, John Brego and Abraham Allen be and are hereby appointed inspectors of the first election to be held in said new township on Monday, the tenth day of May at the school house in School District No 6 and that the said Inspectors above appointed be authorized and are hereby received to hold a meeting of a board of registration at the school house named above on the first Saturday immediately preceeding the above named election."

The construction of the courthouse was considered complete per contract specifications at the Oct. 11 annual meeting of the Board of Supervisors. The building fund, according to the county treasurer's report, had \$3,470.20 allocated to it. Only \$1.70 was left in the fund at the Oct. 11 meeting. All contracts had been paid in full and the balance was transferred to the county's contingent fund.

The courthouse was completely destroyed in 1901 when a woman prisoner set a fire in her cell, according to accounts in the *Crawford County Avalanche*. It was rebuilt the same year, this time of red brick. That building was torn down in 1967 when the current courthouse was completed.

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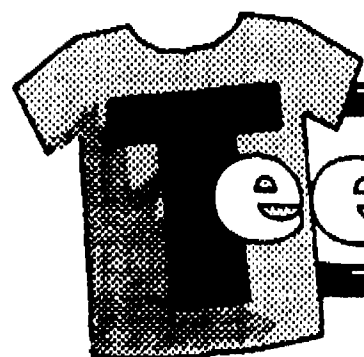


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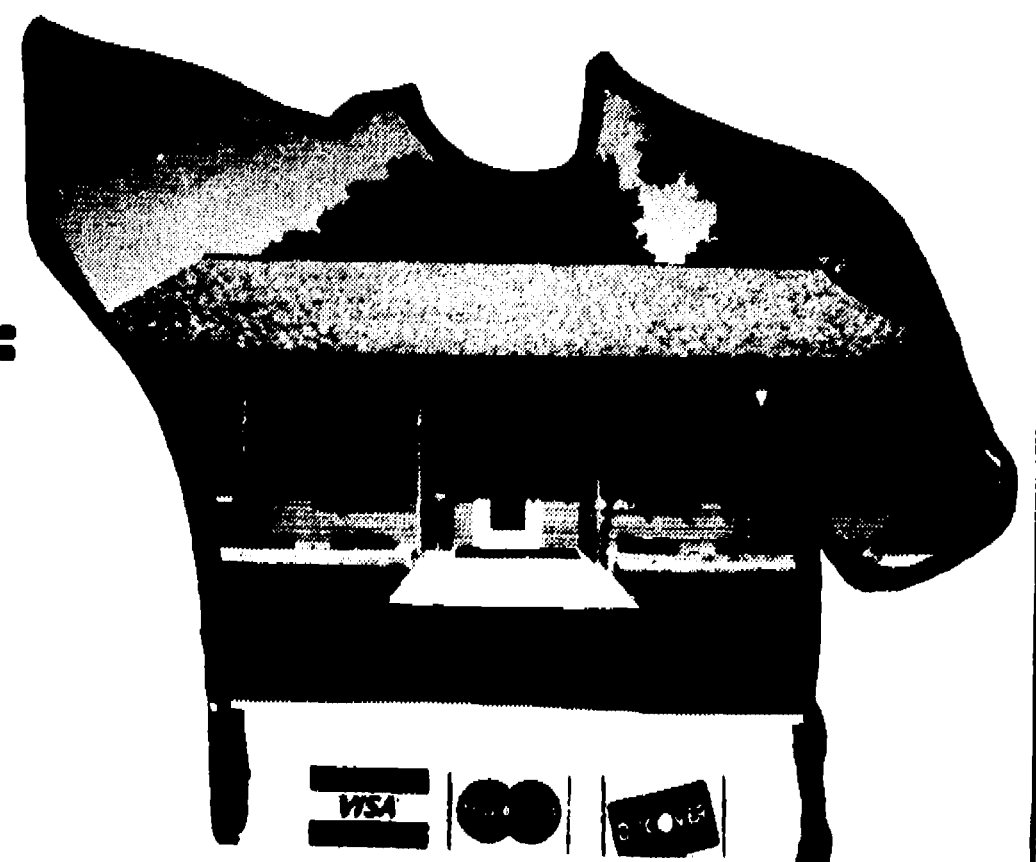
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"Skip and Gail weren't really interested in leasing the property, but said they would think about it. They did and after a week, said to me, 'If you're darnfool enough to try it, we're darnfool enough to help'. With that and a 5 year lease, we were off", reiterates Searles, while talking about the beginning days over 6 years ago.

They began offering functional equipment with style and value, to serve those in pursuit of silent sports, such as canoeing, kayaking, hiking and camping.

The philosophy at Cartwright & Danewell is that quality is never expensive and human kind is not meant to sit, but rather to live life to its fullest, through life sports, to enjoy the great outdoors - not only through one's younger years, but to the end of one's days. They take pride in offering merchandise that they never have to apologize for. Not only is the quality first-class, so is the selection.

Not just canoes and kayaks, Cartwright & Danewell is a complete outdoor store that has been compared to the biggest and the best. It continues to function with the emphasis on customer satisfaction. They continue to offer discriminating outdoor enthusiasts some of the finest name brands in the industry, including Hooger, Rossignol and Oxygen snowboards; Dagger, Old Town, Mad River, We-no-nah, Blackhawk and Bell canoes; kayaks by Current Designs, Dagger, Necky, Wilderness Systems, and Aquaterra; Wiggy's and North Face sleeping bags; snowshoes by Iverson, Atlas and Sherpa; cross country skis by Karhu and Trak; tents by Eureka, Quest, and the North Face; Lowe, Mei, Vortex and Duhuth packs; clothing made by Carhartt, the North Face, Solstice, and Woolrich; roof racks by Yakima, Thule and Append; as well as many other fine quality products.

Not only does the store offer a large selection, but everything selected for the store is functional. The topographical maps serve a function, as well as all their clothing and equipment. Even their gifts are functional. Their greeting cards uniquely express a meaningful thought that pertains to the out-of-doors and friendship.

A selection of classes are available for the outdoor enthusiast. Paddling classes are available spring through summer. More instructional classes are in the works, especially those which involve activities which people are reluctant to try, either on their own or for the first time. Classes are open to the public on a first-come, first-serve basis, and registration is required.

Cartwright & Danewell has what may be the largest book selection in Crawford County, outside the county library. They have over 1,800 books in stock, including women's, outdoor, children's, nature, hunting, paddling, cookbooks, hiking, camping and other instructional and educational books. If you are looking for that hard to find present - check the book selection at Cartwright & Danewell, they may have the perfect answer to your gift giving needs.

Offering the largest selection of canoes and kayaks in a multiple state area, Cartwright & Danewell presently has over 120 models in stock. For

Cartwright & Danewell isn't as historic as it is part of the making of history. Only six and a half years, and two stores old, Cartwright & Danewell is working diligently to become part of the future of Grayling and Crawford County. "I believed then and I believe still, Grayling offers more than any other I-75 corridor community, be it raising children, working, retirement, or vacationing," states owner Mike Searles. "We have it all, lots of land to roam, four seasons, two stupendous rivers, and most important of all - great people! As our tomorrows become history, may it always be so."

the last six years, they have held the largest canoe, kayak and outdoor event in Michigan. This year's event will be held April 5th & 6th at the Grayling Holiday Inn. Most of the manufacturers will be there with canoes and kayaks for people to test paddle. At the same time, manufacturers of other goods will be on hand to answer questions and give advice. There are always great guest speakers, from well known adventurers/authors to racing experts. Everyone is welcome; for information, please call the M-72 store.



M-72 Store, 1/2 mile West of Grayling



108 Michigan Avenue, Uptown Grayling



Cartwright & Danewell employees (back, left to right): Michael Searles, Julie Calkins, Scott Searles, (front, left to right): Nici Wilcox, Patti Gorten, Tina Hamilton.

108 Michigan Ave.

On June 15, 1993, Cartwright & Danewell opened its newest store at 108 Michigan Avenue, across from Chief Shoppenagon's Motor Hotel, in one of Grayling's oldest buildings. It is an upscale men's and women's shop, offering classic clothing and gifts to the discriminating shopper.

"Classic clothes never go out of style," Searles says. "The clothes we have were classically right 30 years ago and they will be classically right thirty years from now".

A few of the accessories available include rucksacks, casual jewelry, watches, writing instruments, and many more too numerous to list. Not only does the store stock clothing and accessories, but it also offers snowshoe furniture, collectable Santas, Kennebunk Weaver's throws, and Elfin tapes and CD's to relax with. Presently, the store is one of the few, if not the only, in Michigan stocking Barada pasta servers. Designed by artist, Flo Baran, these pasta servers are handmade, functional and absolutely lovely.

Many items throughout the store incite conversation, be it the tin ceiling or the canoes above your head or the moose head mounted on the wall, which is on loan from Larry McNamara, of Mac's Drugs (another part of Grayling history).

In Grayling, Cartwright & Danewell has cornered the market in quality men's and women's clothing, filling an area niche that has been vacant for some time. Presently carrying a wondrous assortment of clothing, hats, footgear, socks and coats, in an array of appealing colors that will match the mood and varying temperatures of our up north climate, Cartwright & Danewell stocks legendary names such as Woolrich, Royal Robbins, Pringle of Scotland, Dale of Norway, Foxcroft, Wigwam, and Thorlo. Sigrid Olsen, America's hottest women's line, is also in stock. Outstanding T-shirts and cotton sweaters are also available. The proprietors work very hard to search out those just right things for their patrons, receiving new merchandise nearly every week. They never have and never will be satisfied with being a copy-cat store. Shoppers will find satisfaction in knowing they are buying classically-forever, yet-always-now clothing and accessories, at sensible prices. Classic style and quality that never go out of style are the hallmark of a sensible buyer.

Consider this your personal invitation to step back in time, yet forward in style, value and quality. Remember, when you shop at Cartwright & Danewell you are not just keeping up with the Jones - you are the Jones!

Cartwright & Danewell is about helping people have fun...today and in the future. You don't have to drive to Traverse City, order by mail or do without, just stop in and see why so many people drive over 200 miles to shop at Cartwright & Danewell.

Since the opening of the downtown store two and a half years ago, more and more men have found their way to the store, and have become regular customers.

We are diligent in our pursuit of men's furnishings that are of top quality with lasting good looks. Looking good has never gone out of style, and while style is different things to different people, the classic style has never left, nor is it less popular today than ever.

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FROM THE SCRAPBOOK OF HISTORY--This photo is apparently of a 1904 Grayling football team. Although none of the people in the photo are identified, an inscription on the back says the team allowed no points from their opponents for a period of five years.

Dr. Insley

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his illness, at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 7, 1920, Dr. Stanley Insley passed away.

When news of his death reached the Grayling School, classes were dismissed for the balance of the day in his honor.

Father J. J. Reiss presided at Insley's funeral, held at St. Mary's Church, which was said to be filled to capacity. On the day of the funeral Salling Hanson Company, the area's largest employer, closed for the morning so its employees could attend. Dr. Stanley Insley was buried in Grayling's Elmwood Cemetery.

In his obituary, the *Avalanche* said, "There was never a man in our county who was greater loved by all classes. Dr. Insley was one of God's best men. He was endowed with a keen mind, and a noble character and was ever a true, loyal friend."

Note: Information for this story was taken from *The First Hundred Years*, and several February 1912, and January 1920, issues of the *Crawford County Avalanche*.

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